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Board of Parole recommends commutation of Fitial sentence

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Fitial

The Board of Parole unanimously voted yesterday to support a commutation of sentence that was imposed on convicted former governor Benigno R. Fitial, who was ordered last week to start serving his one-year prison term on or before July 6, 2015.

The five-member board chaired by Ramon B. Camacho came up with a decision after listening to testimonies and reading letters from people who either supported for pardon or objected to such pardon during a hearing held at the Pe-

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Former reporter and lawmaker Tina Sablan speaks about her opposition for the recommendation of a pardon for former governor Benigno R. Fitial before Board of Parole members and legal counsels during a hearing yesterday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The board unanimously voted to recommend the commutation of the sentence imposed on Fitial.

'Peace in Diversity' as 2015 Liberation Festivities kicks off

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The 2015 Liberation Festivities kicked off at the Garapan Fishing Base last night in celebration of this year's theme "Peace in Diversity," 70 years after the gates of Camp Susupe were opened signifying the end of World War II for the people of Saipan.

"Seventy years ago, the people of Saipan were allowed to leave Camp Susupe…signaled the end of war…took years and the journey to get here was not an easy one, but here we are 70 years later," said Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang.

Aside from Apatang, 2015

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The 2014 Liberation Royal Court and the 2015 candidates for the Royal Court join Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Skywalker Communications Group president Dr. Bo Hu, Fr. Isaac Ayuyu, and 2015 Liberation committee chair Chris Leon Guerrero in the singing of the anthem yesterday evening during the official start of the 2015 Liberation Festivities.

CUC avoids approving CHCC's low-ball payment plan offer

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The CNMI's public utility board has directed its management to work out a payment plan with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., after discussions grew fiery yesterday over the health corporation's proposed monthly payment of about $150,000.

If it had been voted for, the $150,000 monthly payment would have been finalized despite the local hospital owing about $560,000 in utility bills per month. Right now, CHC

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Local

MVA exit survey: Tourists satisfied overall

Majority of tourists in the CNMI were satisfied overall with their visit doing the current fiscal year, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority's reinstated exit survey.

Some of the highlights of the exit survey, which MVA reinstated this year, is that most tourists were satisfied with the Commonwealth's beaches (86/100) and scenery/parks (85/100).

Visitors, meanwhile, were least satisfied with the variety of tours and activities available at night and the availability of signs and directions.

The exit survey also noted that 85 percent of respondents expressed that they want to visit the CNMI again and that they would recommend the destination to others.

Of the eight most frequently mentioned tours visitors are interested in, half involved activities that engage local culture. Open market/night markets were the No. 1 mentioned activity they would like to see more of.

Sixty-five percent of visitors claimed to travel outside of their home country at least once a year or more, and 82 percent of those surveyed had never visited the NMI before. Saipan was also the primary destination for 80 percent of trips within the NMI.

Around 80 percent of visitors came for pleasure/vacation, while almost 10 percent of visitors came to honeymoon. The biggest motivating travel factors were nature-related: 75 percent came for tropical climate/sea/beach; 39 percent came for snorkeling/water sports, and 21 percent came for nature activities.

The most frequented optional tours were Managaha (79 percent), snorkeling (59 percent), island tour (32 percent), and jungle tour (32 percent). Water sports on the beach, scuba diving, and Managaha tour received the highest satisfaction ratings of 90 percent.

Almost 40 percent of travel arrangements to the CNMI were made individually through the Internet, and over half of the visitors came to the CNMI with their spouse. The most frequently identified source (31 percent) to finding about the CNMI was the recommendation of friends and family, while 40 percent of visitors had also referenced travel agencies or travel guidebooks.

"Although visitor arrivals have been steadily increasing over the last several fiscal years and continue to increase this year, there is still much work to be done," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "The results of this exit survey will be of assistance in this regard."

Regarding hotel stays, people were overall satisfied with their hotels, with no satisfaction score lower than 75/100. In general, the most satisfactory element of the hotel was the hotel staff with a rating of 85/100. The least satisfactory element was the hotel facilities (75/100). Almost 40 percent of visitors dined most often at a hotel. More than half had a tour guide during at least part of their stay, and visitors were generally satisfied with their tour guides, especially the pace of communication (88/100). A majority of pre-paid expenses were for hotel/accommodations and airfare, an average of $1,560.92/person.

MVA reinstated its tourist exit survey this fiscal year to gather additional information on visitor behavior and opinions. The survey covers visitor demographics, travel planning, and visitor satisfaction and has been conducted during high- and low-peak seasons with visitors from Japan, Korea, and China.

"It's been 12 years since the MVA has had the funding to conduct a visitor exit survey, which is essential for gaining information for the development and refinement of marketing strategies," said Tenorio. "Having a clear and current understanding of visitor perceptions, experiences, and habits gives the government and community a better idea of what needs to done to improve tourism product." ***(MVA)***

AS ONE YEAR PASSES:

Family not giving up on missing Yamada sisters

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As one year passed with still no news and concrete lead on what happened to Japanese sisters Natsuki and Chinatsu Yamada, their family is now offering an additional reward to those who can give information.

In an interview with parents Hideki and Kozue Yamada and Chinatsu's fiancé Kenichi Ichikawa at the Japanese Consulate yesterday, they said they will be giving a $5,000 reward to those who can give information on what happened to the Yamada sisters.

This amount supplements the $1,000 reward offered by NMI CrimeStoppers.

The Yamada couple said they continue to communicate with the Department of Public Safety and declined to give updates on the case, but they are appealing to the community to help them find their missing daughters.

"We are asking for the community one more time if they have any information whatsoever regarding our missing daughters, anything that can help us solve this incident," Hideki Yamada said through interpreter Hiroko Tenorio.

The parents of missing Japanese sisters Natsuki and Chinatsu Yamada, Hideki and Kozue, along with Chinatsu's fiancé Kenichi Ichikawa continue to look for their loved ones a year after they went missing during a vacation on Saipan.
FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Still hoping

The mother, Kozue, said that they continue to hope for their daughters.

"Every single day we are praying for our daughters to be found and every time we come to Saipan, we hope we could see them or we could find something to lead on this incident," she said.

The parents last saw Chinatsu on January of last year as she has been living by herself in Hokkaido. Natsuki lived with the Yamada couple in Nagano. Their last goodbye was when they brought her to the airport to go to Hokkaido to visit Chinatsu, days before the sisters went to Saipan.

This is the ninth time that the Yamada couple and Ichikawa came to the island for the sisters' case.

They also always visit Wing Beach where the car the sisters rented was seen the day they went missing on June 30, 2014. Natsuki was then 33, and Chinatsu, 26.

The sisters came to Saipan last year to belatedly celebrate the birthday of the younger Yamada.

This year, the family along with fiancé Ichikawa celebrated Chinatsu's birthday by joining a marathon like she used to do.

Banners on Liberation Day

According to the family, the Japanese Society on Saipan will be putting up banners and giving away flyers with photos of the sisters as part of their activity during the Liberation Day festivities.

This way, they can create more public awareness and someone might finally give information.

"Even if this is going to be a worst case scenario, we still want to know what happened to our daughters. We raised them, they're part of our lives and that's our mission to find out," the Yamada sisters' father said.

"We need to know what happened, otherwise, if there is no solution, I feel like there will be no meaning in the life that we are living," he added.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CPA TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-003-15

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is accepting sealed proposals subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (RFP), and other contract provisions, for proposals from interested vendors for the upgrade of CPA's telephone system. The successful proposer shall perform the upgrade of CPA Telephone System with modifications for allowable future upgrades as the need arise at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The Proposal Package which includes the Scope of Work will be available on Friday, June 5, 2015 and may be obtained at the office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm except CNMI Holidays.

Questions and/or clarifications regarding this RFP, the Telephone System Upgrade and its specifications shall be submitted in writing to MaryAnn Q. Lizama/Executive Director and faxed to 670-234-5962 or emailed to cpa.mqlizama@pticom.com with copy to JoyAnn Deleon Guerrero at email joydg@cpa.gov.mp no later than Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 22, 2015, at the CPA Airport Conference Room at the Saipan International Airport. Attendance at this conference is mandatory to ensure the proposers' understanding of the project requirements. Proposals submitted by proposers who are not in attendance at this mandatory conference will be rejected.

Sealed proposals must be marked "CPA TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE, CPA-RFP-003-15" and shall be delivered to the office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport, no later than 4:30 p.m., local time, **WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015**.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a U.S. Treasury approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Certified or cashier's checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer Date: May 28, 2015

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Plumeria Resort project under permit application No.TMS-2015-X-028. The permit application was submitted by the Alter City Group Incorporated for the construction and operation of a planned hotel, service apartments, luxury villas, casino, and golf course development on 372 acres of public land, specifically Lot No. 207 T 13, on the island of Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The public hearing is scheduled for July 23, 2015, at 5:30PM at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria, San Jose, Tinian.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M, Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Plumeria Resort project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NMHC hereby provides notice to the public that available funding for the **Homeownership Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program** has reached the point of exhaustion and therefore the agency is calling for a moratorium on the acceptance and processing of new applicants for the program until funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) becomes available.

Pursuant to NMHC's HOME Program Policies and Procedures, and because of the limited funding allocated to the CNMI each program year, NMHC has recognized the need to prioritize the level of assistance to qualified families. And because there are currently more applicants than available funds, NMHC shall establish and maintain an applicant waiting list where applicants shall be assisted if and when additional funds become available.

All applicants that have been approved and are being assisted, as well as those placed on the waiting list shall be processed on a first come, first serve basis.

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Marianas Resort to hold off on future investments

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Mariana Resort & Spa, one of the longest standing Japanese-owned hotel resorts in the CNMI, will be holding off future investments, according to general manager Gloria Cavanagh.

The holding off on future investment follows the recent decision of the Department of Public Lands to solicit competitive bids instead of granting a new lease agreement to Mariana Resort, which has leased the Marpi property for the past 37 years.

Cavanagh, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, said 100 percent of their planned investments will be put on hold.

"Of course we want to make sure that we maintain the rooms and make sure that they are clean and it isn't the fault of our guests on what's happening, but in regards to major improvements; it's zero," Cavanagh said.

Last year, Marianas Resort eyed expansions of the hotel. Kan Pacific Saipan president Yoshihiro Kitami said they are planning to build a new game room, add more than 100 rooms, and set up new banquet facilities with the new lease they were led to believe was set in stone.

Kan Pacific owns the Marpi hotel.

At that same time, Cavanagh last year said that they were in discussions with DPL before any expansion was to push through. Last March, DPL secretary Pete A. Tenorio recommended alternative land leases to the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands

»Nishikawa says Hyatt concerned on message sent to investors

This would allow the hotels to get an extension on a portion of the public land that they are leasing now, which will entail legislative approval. One other alternative leasing agreement Tenorio suggested is where the hotels can terminate their respective leases and apply for another long-term lease.

However, Cavanagh now says that Marianas Resort will hold off the $30 million on the first phase of the planned projects.

"We will be holding it off because we have less than three years to spend that kind of money especially with the announcement of [DPL] that was issued with a policy," she said.

"We haven't submitted a formal response yet to DPL's decision and decided that we will issue it formally some time this week," she added.

Cavanagh, who is also the president of HANMI, expressed great concern that assurance to CNMI hoteliers was being "overlooked."

HANMI former president and Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick K. Nishikawa, in an email, said he was quite surprised to hear the statement from DPL regarding the public land leases.

"As a representative for one of the major companies on Saipan under a public land lease, I am concerned about the message that is being sent to investors. It is understandable that the government needs to maximize any investments; however, there should be consideration for the existing leaseholders," Nishikawa said.

"Their contributions are much more than land rental as there are many investors that are actively involved with the community and have exceeded the conditions of their lease for more than 30 plus years during various difficult times. People tend to forget those difficult times when they are having a good time now," he added.

He also said that if the consideration is not given then any investor would reasonably focus on their return on investment and not make additional contributions past their lease conditions.

"Although we enforce our brand standards, there could be current leaseholders that will not make any improvements in their properties during the latter part of their lease. This is detrimental to the industry as well as the local economy," he said.

"That is all I would like to comment and I am slowly losing a hope for the CNMI," he added.

Lawmakers react to Fitial parole hearing

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House Speaker Joseph Deleon P. Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) chose "not to take sides," while Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan) said it is now time to "move on."

When asked for a comment from Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Press Secretary Ivan Blanco said the Governor's Office still needs to hear from the CNMI Board of Parole.

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres also remained mum, promising that a statement will be soon be forthcoming.

These were some of the reactions yesterday while a hearing was ongoing to decide whether or not the CNMI Board of Parole will recommend a pardon for convicted former governor Benigno R. Fitial who was ordered last week to start serving his one-year prison term on or before July 6.

"For me, now that it is with the Board of Parole. We have to respect the process," Sablan said.

He said the constitutional process of granting pardon is another process that the sitting governor may invoke.

For his part, Deleon Guerrero said "I chose not to take sides," noting that the "process is now done" from the side of the judiciary.

Deleon Guerrero acknowledged that it is now up to the governor what to do next.

He said Inos has the sole authority to whether or not grant the pardon and that the Legislature and the courts can no longer do anything on Fitial's case.

Earlier Inos wrote a letter to Board of Parole chair Ramon B. Camacho, requesting for an initial and immediate consultation with the board to discuss the possible options available to him in the exercise of his constitutional power to grant pardon.

Inos said such consultation will assist him in making the "right decision." The letter showed that Inos made such request to the Board last June 22 or two days before Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced the 69-year-old Fitial to a one-year prison term.

Yesterday, the Board of Parole unanimously decided to support a commutation of sentence for Fitial.

The five-member board came up with a decision after listening to testimonies and reading letters from people who either supported for pardon or objected to such pardon during a hearing held at Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose in Susupe.

Camacho explained that a commutation means a reduction of the sentence. It means that jail time or fine could be removed, or both, but the beneficiary of the commutation is still considered convicted of the offense.

The board also unanimously voted to object the granting of absolute pardon for Fitial.

Disappointed

After the Board of Parole made its recommendation, Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), a member of the minority bloc, took to social media to express his disappointment.

"Since I have heard that all the testimonials in favor of pardoning Governor Fitial deal with forgiveness and compassion and that we are a Catholic society, I hereby ask that we close our prison and pardon all prisoners. Why not? If you are going to pardon Fitial, then I ask that every prisoner be pardoned as well," Propst said, on a post on Facebook.

"And while we are at it, let us close the prison and the courts and DPS. Let us just allow people to do whatever they want, murder and mayhem is okay, because we will forgive you. What's that? You raped and killed people? No worries. You are forgiven," he further said.

Tropical cyclone developing near Pohnpei

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management yesterday urged CNMI residents to monitor the development of the formation of a tropical cyclone northeast of Pohnpei.

According to HSEM, the formation could bring a gradual increase in showers and thunderstorms to the Marianas by the end of the week, with a tropical storm or typhoon over or near the islands over the weekend.

HSEM said the circulation northeast of Pohnpei is expected to gradually begin moving toward the west-northwest in the next day or so.

At the same time, the circulation west-northwest of Chuuk may drift toward the east or east-northeast and gradually be absorbed into the first circulation.

HSEM said there is still some uncertainty in the expected intensity of the storm as well as the exact timing and path that it will take.

The National Weather Service in Guam said westerly monsoon winds of 15 to 30 miles per hour and large waves of 7 to 10 feet and up to 12 feet will continue across much of Micronesia this week.

NWS said sea conditions will be hazardous for the operation of small craft and dangerous for inter-island travel. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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dro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose in Susupe.

Camacho and the board's legal counsel James Zarones explained that a commutation of sentence basically means a reduction of sentence.

It means that jail time or fine could be removed, or both, and that the beneficiary remains convicted of the offense.

The board also unanimously voted to object the granting of absolute pardon for Fitial.

In an interview, Camacho said although the board reached a unanimous vote for commutation of sentence instead of supporting an absolute pardon, it is only Gov. Eloy S. Inos who can make the final decision.

Camacho agreed that with commutation, it is possible that Fitial will not his serve prison term, but that the former governor remains convicted of criminal offenses.

Camacho said with absolute pardon, "it's zero" or as if Fitial was not convicted of any crime.

He said the board conducted the public hearing because of Inos' request for consultation about a proposed pardon for the former governor.

The chair said one thing that he put into account is President Obama's recent issuance of furlough to prisoners who are nonviolent.

Camacho said Fitial is nonviolent.

Camacho said he is not questioning Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman's decision to impose a one-year prison term on Fitial.

"The governor has the full power to pardon. He is the only one," the chair said.

He pointed out that the reason why he made his vote on the commutation is because he wants to make sure that the charges still remain.

With the board's decision, Camacho said they will be forwarding a letter to Inos about the hearing's result.

Camacho said he is thankful that a lot of people showed up at the hearing, which went on smoothly.

"There's nothing (bad) words from the public. A lot of positives and negatives on the issue at the hearing," he said.

The 69-year-old Fitial failed to attend the hearing due to his health condition. His counsel Stephen Nutting attended the hearing packed mostly by family members, relatives, and friends of the former chief executive.

Twenty-eight persons spoke at the hearing. Most of them were the same persons who wrote letters requesting for Fitial's lenient punishment at the sentencing hearing. The speakers were given five minutes each to address to the board.

The board also received 12 letters.

The board decided to conduct the hearing after Inos requested last June 22 or two days before the sentencing, for a consultation on whether or not grant a pardon to Fitial.

Fitial signed a plea agreement with the government and pleaded guilty last May 13 to misconduct in public office and conspiracy to commit theft of services.

Most of the speakers expressed support for Fitial's absolute pardon at the hearing that began at 9am. The hearing concluded at 1:25pm and after a few minutes, Camacho called a voting from the members.

Nutting informed the board that the former governor informed him Monday night that due to his serious health problem he could not attend the hearing.

Nutting was the first one to speak, followed by Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback, and chief prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas.

Camacho presided over the hearing. Also with him were the four members—vice chair Wally Villagomez, secretary Alexander Apatang, and members Antonio Borja and Ignacio Mendiola.

Sitting beside the board members were their legal counsels—chief solicitor James Zarones and assistant attorney general John Cook.

Zarones explained that at the hearing, the board will be considering all possibilities—absolute pardon, partial pardon, conditional pardon, and commutation.

Nutting said Fitial asked him to send his sincere apology for not appearing at the hearing because he's not feeling well due to declining health.

Nutting then offered the board letters coming from Fitial's supporters.

Nutting said after the sentencing last week, he had a difficult time answering to people who asked how was it that former attorney general Edward Buckingham, who was the principal beneficiary in the crime, was not sent to jail and yet Fitial was sentenced to one year in prison.

Nutting asked the board to support an absolute pardon if not partial pardon by requiring Fitial to apologize to the people.

In fact, Nutting said, at the sentencing hearing, Fitial already apologized to the people profusely.

Hasselback, who served as the special prosecutor in the case, disagreed with Nutting's characterization that Fitial apologized profusely before the court.

Hasselback said he was at the sentencing hearing and only heard Fitial saying sorry for his wrongdoing to his friends, family, and to the people who supported him.

Hasselback said each judge has absolute discretion in sentencing.

Hasselback said in fact, a certain judge who is known for imposing harsher sentences has been receiving overwhelming support from the public based on comments online and in newspapers.

"Who is the person who occupied the highest trust in the Commonwealth when the crimes were committed?" Hasselback asked.

Hasselback said the board should consider the hard work and sacrifice by investigators in this case.

"Is the CNMI a community of laws?" Hasselback said, adding that the board's decision will answer that question.

Rapadas said he will submit to the board the government's sentencing memorandum that they gave to the court.

"We are all servants of the law and not above the law," Rapadas said.

Former reporter and lawmaker Tina Sablan along with Glen Hunter, Lucy Sablan, and Paul Ferreira were those who opposed Fitial's pardon.

Sablan said Fitial violated the laws that he swore to uphold and defend.

Sablan said all the people of the Commonwealth were victims of the crimes of corruption to which he has admitted.

"We have learned some hard lessons over the years. We are evidently still learning them. These are lessons we should always remember, and teach our children," she said.

Sablan concluded her statement with questions.

"What is just? What is fair? What kind of precedent do we wish to set today for the future of justice and the rule of law in our islands? What kind of community and government do we want for ourselves and our children? And what side of history will we choose to be on?" she said.

Ferreira said if Fitial will get pardon or not serve his prison term, the CNMI might as well release all the criminals, including murderers and rapists.

Ferreira said Fitial is now a convicted criminal but he did not even apologize to the people.

Ferreira stressed that his statement is not an attack on Fitial per se, but on corrupt politicians.

Lucy Sablan urged the board to just follow the court, treat the people equally, and hold Fitial accountable for his crimes.

"He's not even here," Lucy Sablan said, referring to the former governor.

Lucy Sablan said the board has a very simple decision to make, "do what is right for the people."

Hunter asked the board to send a message to the community by coming with a "no" recommendation for Fitial's pardon.

"You hold the laws of the land to a high level," Hunter said.

Hunter emphasized that what he is against is public corruption.

Former attorney general Matthew Gregory was among the many people who spoke in support of Fitial. He said he is speaking about Fitial as his client since 2002.

Gregory said during Fitial's term as governor he served as AG from 2006 to 2008 and at that time there was no issue about corruption involving the governor.

Gregory said after him as AG, Fitial had "horrible legal advice."

Gregory said the conviction of former AG Buckingham "was shocking."

Gregory asked the board to consider a recommendation for full pardon for Fitial.

Former Superior Court associate judge Juan T. Lizama also spoke in support for Fitial.

Lizama said Fitial has already been punished, he regrets the crimes, and is remorseful. He also explained the board's conducting such public hearing as a separate body.

Former lawmakers Stanley Torres and Oscar Babauta, along with former Saipan mayor Marian Tudela, were also among those who spoke in support of Fitial. They addressed the board in Chamorro.

Triple J Enterprises chair Bob Jones said he came to talk as a longtime friend of Fitial. He said Fitial has lost face, has been humiliated by his actions, and lost his integrity.

Jones said Fitial has been punished for two years now.

Felix Fitial said his brother, Benigno, has been suffering since the impeachment came about. He asked for compassion as the former governor is very ill now.

PEACE

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Liberation committee chair Chris Leon Guerrero, and Skywalker Communications Group president Dr. Bo Hu also gave their opening remarks.

As well as emphasizing the importance of the opening of Camp Susupe's gates, Apatang noted that after many years, the community has been independent, self-sustaining, and capable of making sensible decisions to cautiously stay the course.

"Today, we have grown into a mixture of many cultures… our growth in diversity have been gradual over seventy years of staying the course. Regardless of the groundswell of different thoughts about the growth in our island, diversity is here to stay," he said.

"This year's celebration will demonstrate how our diversity is molding itself into a single growth," he later added.

Leon Guerrero, in his remarks, said he was glad to be chosen and given the privilege to be chairman and working with both the 2015 Liberation committee, Skywalker Communications, and the Saipan Mayor's Office in getting the community involved in celebrating this year's festivities.

Hu, in his remarks, thanked the support of the community and everyone involved in making the 2015 Liberation Festivities possible.

The opening ceremony also included the introduction of the 2015 Royal Court candidates by the 2015 Royal Court committee chair Laila Younis-Boyer. The 2014 Liberation Queen Pressel Camacho and her Royal Court were also present.

Today, July 1, will be coronation night for the 2015 Liberation Queen and her Royal Court.

Aside from the smooth turnout, the booths were still the same as last year's and the carnival rides have yet to arrive.

Skywalker Communications' Elvis Yu said that the booths will be upgraded soon because the shipment of the canopies are already on Saipan and awaiting installment. He said carnival rides, meanwhile, will arrive in mid-July due to delays in shipping from off-island.

CUC

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owes the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. about $16 million in past due accounts. In March, a local court granted CUC right to disconnect the hospital's "non-essential" units, which the utility has since done.

Board member David Sablan Jr. yesterday called it a "subsidized program," if the board had approved the monthly payment plan. He said he was calling for "equity" for all their customers.

The payment plan was described in a letter from CHCC this month. *Saipan Tribune* learned the letter described CHCC's intent to pay $150,000 a month until it got its "renewable energy" plans up and running in year.

CUC board chair Adelina Roberto said this $150,000 was a "minimum" in an interview. She said what they were working on was a "draft contract."

This draft contract is essentially a law to draft. Copies of a draft "Senate Bill" legislation had been shared among the board and management since a payment plan would have to be approved by law.

The CHCC letter was requested but not made available as of press time. Roberto said it would be made public after CUC had decided on the payment plan.

Roberto urged yesterday that they discuss the matter in executive session, but Sablan objected, saying that the letter was in the "public domain" and that payment plans were not legal or personnel issues.

The board did not vote on the payment plan despite discussion during open session indicating support of it.

CUC management will now start discussion with CHCC to work out a payment plan.

CUC would like to determine exactly how much the local hospital could pay them per month.

CUC has questions if the local hospital has a proper billing system and proper financial personnel in place.

Board member Sablan, who was former board chair, believes the hospital can pay more than the $150,000.

He said that CHCC proposed to pay $300,000 a month a year ago.

Non-essential units

In March, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman allowed CUC to cut utility services to CHCC's "non-essential" services unless the health corporation paid up or paid an amount that satisfied CUC. CHCC did not.

That month, Wisemen deferred the execution of the sanctions by 45 days to give CHCC time to file any objections to the list of "non-essential" hospital services.

Roberto yesterday said after this 40 days, CUC disconnected these non-essential services. "CHCC was the one who gave them those meters [and] accounts, and when we looked at it, they were not CHCC's," she said.

Roberto said they disconnected the unnecessary accounts of CHCC, but said they found out some were are not CHCC's accounts anymore.

During the board meeting, CUC counsel James Sirok also told board members that they had found that a few of those accounts actually were no longer CUC accounts. He said locations were being utilized by other entities other than CHC entities unbeknownst to CUC.

Subsidized

Sablan called for disconnection of the local hospital if they could not come current on their account. But this met opposition from his other board members.

Board member Albert A. Taitano, from Rota, said he would not support any move to disconnect the hospital. "People in Rota are suffering," he said. "They come to Saipan for medical attention so you tell me you're going to disconnect the hospital?"

To this, Sablan said Taitano was supporting a subsidization of the hospital that would probably translate into a rate increase for other people.

Board member Eric San Nicolas, from Tinian, told Sablan that if he wanted to be the director to "cut off the lifeline for the people of Rota and Tinian, you can very well advocate for that."

"But I will not support it…" he said.

Taitano further said the hospital's payment of $150,000 was better than nothing.

In an interview, Sablan said CUC has continued the "hospital subsidization program" for over two years now despite a clear report from them of "conservation plans," or any payment of any of their past dues.

"What they are asking from us is to subsidize it even longer. They are proposing to put solar panels to reduce their overall dependence on oil-generated electricity, which comes from CUC. That's pretty much like saying, "Can you help us for at least a year and after that we are going to come off the grid? If that's your intention—unless you are going to give us the solar panels and make it part of our assets—then you are asking us to basically help you so can get off the grid system."

Sablan pointed to what the Public School System has done, whom he said has conserved, reduced their consumption, and remained current on their accounts.

He said PSS pays about $5,000 monthly now against their past due accounts, which he said showed "good faith."

Project expected to benefit Precinct 1 residents

JOEL PINAROC

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, center, along with lawmakers and members of the community led a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the newly renovated San Antonio basketball court yesterday.

A community project involving the repair of a basketball court in San Antonio is expected to benefit residents of Precinct 1.

On Tuesday, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres and Precinct 1 lawmakers headed by Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), trooped to the newly renovated basketball court for a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

In a short message, Torres urged the residents present during the ribbon cutting to "take care" of the newly renovated basketball area.

Sablan noted that residents, especially the younger ones, should also have an active participation to "protect" the basketball court against vandalism by reporting immediately to police if they saw somebody vandalizing the court.

In the project brief, the cost of the San Antonio basketball rehabilitation is $72,260. It was completed by the contractor Northpac Corporation in 180 days.

The funding for the project came from the Office of the Insular Affairs (80 percent), while the rest came from the CNMI Department of Public Works, through Saipan Local 18-17.

Some of the noticeable improvements include court flooring, new backboards, electrical work, newly repaired spectator pavilions, and a new chain link fence. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

CNMI govt, military set up another meeting

The CNMI government will be conducting another meeting with the U.S. military today.

It is widely expected that one of the items on the agenda will be a discussion on a draft environmental impact statement on proposed military activities in the Commonwealth.

Press Secretary Ivan Blanco confirmed that Gov. Eloy S. Inos will be at the meeting.

Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, is expected to lead other military officials during the meeting.

Just last week, a high-ranking official of the U.S Department of Defense met with lawmakers on Capital Hill to discuss proposed military activities on the CNMI particularly on Tinian and Pagan.

Robert M. Scher, DoD assistant secretary for strategy, plans, and capabilities, said his primary purpose is to hold dialogues with the lawmakers

The official also said the talks on proposed military activities and land leases on Tinian and Pagan remain at an "early stage."

"We need these kinds of engagements. We are still at an early stage in the talks and we have to get down to the details," Scher said, while addressing questions from lawmakers. He assured lawmakers that he agreed to meet to further "listen."

One of the questions thrown at Scher was the actual impact of live-fire exercises on Tinian, considering its close proximity to Saipan.

It was not made clear if discussions will also include the initial findings of Dentons US LLC on the draft EIS.

Dentons has been hired to conduct an independent review of the draft EIS and days after signing the contract, the group reported a not so flattering review of the draft EIS calling the document "illegally inadequate." ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-15-017

WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to provide construction repair services for identified waterline leaks in the CUC water system. This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract will be awarded to multiple Contractors. The work will consists of excavation and leak repairs on various types of waterlines and appurtenances. Materials for leak repairs are to be provided by CUC. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year, contingent upon funding and if exercised by CUC.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and CUC & the US Department of Interior –Bureau of Reclamation. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division, by 3:00 p.m. (ChST) on June 26, 2015 in order to be considered.

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP-15-017, Waterline Repairs, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 14, 2015** *A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission.*

The deadline for proposal submittals is July 14, 2015, although this date may be subject to change. Changes to the proposal schedule will be distributed to all registered proponents by the CUC Procurement and Supply office.

Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of proponents' preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Proponents shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proponents.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be considered only from registered proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 30, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org.

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Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

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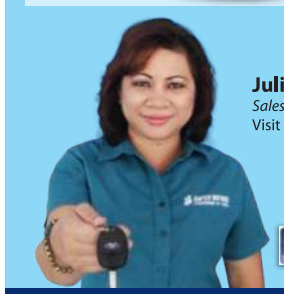

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-007

CONSTRUCTION OF FILE ROOM EXTENSION FOR THE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, SAIPAN, CNMI

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Construction of file room extension for the Finance and Accounting Office, Department of Finance, Saipan,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 17, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 06, 2015, 9:00 a.m.** local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 15, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division,** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-15-IFB-007**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 24, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 24, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 24, 2015** and must be received no later than **August 04, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 05, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **July 24, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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Qualifications: 2 years experience as a general maintenance worker in repairing or replacing defective equipment parts, using hand tools and power tools and re-assemble equipment is required. Must be able to work independently. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds. Must be a team player and has good interpersonal skills. Able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays.

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Applications may be obtained and submitted to the Security Office of Fiesta Resort & Spa located on the South Wing, ground floor. Dead-line for submission of applications to be considered is July 6, 2015.

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2 overdue divers safely rescued

Rescue teams safely secured two Korean tourists who drifted outside the cliff line after scuba-diving at Grotto dive spot in Marpi on Monday.

The victims, a 33-year-old man and a 31-year-old woman, were not injured, but were taken to the Commonwealth Healthcare Center for treatment and observation.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Jason Tarkong said that on Monday at 11:11am, DPS Central received a report about overdue divers at Grotto dive spot.

Police Sgt. Tomas Blas responded to the location and learned from the Grotto parking lot security guard and from the dive instructor of Y2K Dive Company that two scuba divers went missing during their dive.

Blas activated the Boating Safety Section rescue boat Zodiac 3, while the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services also launched their Search and Rescue Unit along with Homeland Security Emergency Management.

HSEM then contacted the U.S. Coast Guard.

Tarkong said rescue teams were coordinated to search along the cliff line and that one team spotted the two missing divers floating and drifting northeast of Grotto outside the cliff line.

At 12:12pm, Boating Safety officers Fred Sato, Jimmy Sablan, and Stanley Patris helped secure the two divers into the Zodiac 3 rescue boat.

The divers were transported to Smiling Cove, where they were subsequently brought to CHC.

The report did not mention how long the divers drifted into open water. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Torres: Gov't working on schedule to consult with AG on same-sex ruling

Torres

The CNMI government is still working on a schedule to consult with the Attorney General's Office and Commonwealth mayors regarding same-sex marriage and how it will impact the CNMI.

"Now that a decision has been handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court, it is the right time to acknowledge it and work on how it can be implemented on the CNMI," Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres said.

The official said the landmark decision to allow same-sex marriage in all the U.S. states including territories show that "a lot of changes have been happening."

Torres, however, said a specific date on the consultations has yet to be decided. "We are working on schedule, but there is no specific date yet," Torres said.

On Friday, the SC issued its historic ruling through a 5-4 vote that legalized same sex marriage across the 50 states and the Insular Areas such as the CNMI.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos earlier said consultations will be set with the Attorney General and CNMI mayors "to see how we can initiate the necessary changes to current regulations to comply with the ruling and ensure an equal application of our constitutional rights throughout the CNMI."

"The union between two individuals regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, etc. through the ceremony of marriage is a celebration of unconditional love and enduring commitment," Inos said in a statement, adding that, "while we acknowledge this historical ruling, we must remember that what is most important in our community is that we express love, compassion, and tolerance toward one another.

Inos said, "same-sex common law unions have been in existence in our culture even before this ruling. In our small community, we either have family, friends, or know of people who are gay or lesbian couples." ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,	)	**Civil Action No. 14-0149**
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	**NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE**
LAURION C. PANGELINAN and VERA T. PANGELINAN	)	
Defendants.	)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 14th day of November, 2014, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **29th day of July, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 002 G 61, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 03, the original of which was recorded 14 MAY 90 as Document No. 90-1900 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. to reject any and all bids.
2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.
3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.
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Dated this 27th day of May, 2015.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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Plaintiff,	:	
-v-	:	
GRACE UCHAU,	:	
Defendant.	:	

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan,MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated June 12, 2015 by order of the Court:

/s/ Clerk of Court

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS [1]

III. REPORTS
- a. Chair's Report
- b. Executive Director's Report

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- a. Management of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino

V. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
- b. Licensing Matters
  1. Casino Key/Casino Employee License Applications
  2. Hotel Registrations
  3. Casino Service Industry License Applications
  4. Casino License/Suitability Applications

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION [2]

VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

[1] Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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The best thing I could share regarding my visit to Singapore was to be able to experience all those wonderful places that we do not have here on our island. I learned so much; I experienced, exploring all the events and activities in Singapore. And it is not only about casinos, it is all about families having a great time.

Vicky Pangelinan, Unemployed

Saipan's current tourist industry is similar to integrated resorts like Sentosa. Current Saipan attractions include submarine tours, skydiving, local and professional entertainment, and many more. All of which can't be found in Sentosa. How will the current on-island attractions integrate into the Best Sunshine investment?

The size of the facilities goes hand-in-hand with local infrastructure development. New tourist venues will require water and proper sewage. The Singapore government was very active financially in supporting the development of the integrated resort. Saipan doesn't currently have the same financial resources. To be a success, the integration IR plan should be inclusive of government and the private sector with a focus on local residents.

Paul Zak, Business Consultant

CUC settles pipeline project designer's complaint

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has settled the complaint for non-payment of services filed by Vanderpool Pipeline Engineers Inc., a company that served as the pipeline designer and third party construction manager for the CUC pipeline project.

CUC legal counsel James S. Sirok and Vanderpool Pipeline counsel Robert J. O'Connor informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Monday about their settlement.

Because of the settlement, Sirok and O'Connor filed a stipulation, requesting the District Court to dismiss with prejudice CUC's court action.

Dismissal with prejudice means CUC cannot re-open the case anymore.

The parties did not indicate the settlement amount.

Sirok and O'Connor said their stipulation is based on the settlement and payment of all claims of Vanderpool Pipeline against CUC.

The lawyers said the parties agreed with the dismissal of the arbitration proceedings brought by Vanderpool Pipeline against CUC within the American Arbitration Association in Hawaii.

In the federal court action, CUC asked the court to stop the arbitration case filed by Vanderpool Pipeline against CUC before the American Arbitration Association.

Vanderpool Pipeline sought a $527,000 payment from CUC over its stalled oil pipeline project.

Sirok requested the court to declare that there is no contractual obligation for CUC to arbitrate disputes with Vanderpool.

Sirok asserted that CUC never agreed or consented to arbitration.

Sirok said Vanderpool inserted an arbitration clause into a proposal for additional work to be added to the original contract via two change orders.

CUC's contract with Vanderpool expired on Dec. 31, 2014, and that to date, the pipeline project that CUC sought Vanderpool's assistance to build has not been completed.

Vanderpool filed the arbitration case against CUC last Feb. 14.

In its opposition, Vanderpool Pipeline asked the court to deny CUC's request to stop the arbitration.

Vanderpool Pipeline counsel O'Connor said CUC has no reasonable or legitimate prospect of prevailing on

the merits in this case, as the facts clearly show the utilities agency to have agreed to arbitration with Vanderpool in the event of a dispute between them.

O'Connor said CUC is bound by contract to arbitrate.

Japan culture class at JKPL starts

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Japan consul Hitoshi Kikuchi poses with students of Joeten Kiyu Public Library's Japan Culture Class that started last Friday at the state library.

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
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REPORTER

The Joeten Kiyu Public Library started its Japan Culture Class sponsored by the Consulate Office of Japan.

The first of the three session classes took place last Friday attended by 25 students.

The consul for Japan Hitoshi Kikuchi himself headed the first session.

Participants learned various Japanese arts and crafts as well as how to write their names in Japanese character.

They also watched a short DVD presentation on Japanese culture.

"I am very pleased to have been able to hold the first Japanese cultural class by the Consular Office of Japan today at the library for the purpose of fostering mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and Saipan through the introduction of a fraction of Japanese culture." Kikuchi said.

According to Kikuchi, he always wanted to hold a cultural class in the library.

"Ever since I was assigned here on Saipan in December, 2013, I have been thinking of holding a Japanese cultural class at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library for local people," he said.

"I would like to thank Consul Kikuchi and his staff Miss Yasuko Kobayashi and Mrs. Muna for a wonderful presentation and for sharing their culture with our students," acting library director Erlinda Naputi said.

The Japanese culture series is open for children ages 9 to 12 but older students are also welcome. Seats are limited to 25 students. The next sessions will be held on July 10 and July 17 from 1pm to 2:30pm.

Those who are interested to attend the next sessions may visit the Joeten Kiyu Public Library or call 235-7322/7323/ 7329 or 7316 for more information.

NCLEX-RN preparatory course offered this summer

The CNMI Area Health Education Center, through Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute, is sponsoring a preparatory course for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Nurses this summer 2015.

To become a licensed nurse, candidates in the CNMI and in the U.S. mainland must first pass the NCLEX. To qualify to register for the course, students must have a minimum of an Associate's Degree in Nursing. The deadline to enroll in this NCLEX-RN Exam Preparatory Course is Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

The CNMI Area Health Education Center will subsidize this preparatory course for those who are CNMI Legal Residents (i.e. United States citizens and U.S. Green Card holders). Due to limited funding, subsidy will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Note: Students must submit a copy of their highest nursing degree and a valid ID, passport, driver's license, or birth certificate for verification upon registration.

The preparatory course dates will run during the following days: July 11, 2015 to Aug. 23, 2015 from 4pm to 7:00pm (Saturday), from 1pm to 4pm (Sunday), for a total of 42 hours. The preparatory course will be offered at the discounted price of $419.

To register, visit Building P, NMC Saipan; call 234-5498 exts. 6802, 6809, 6810, 6808; and/or send an email to Orrin Pharmin at orrin.pharmin@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

4 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged four Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are DPW Channel Bridge, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach Drain, and Civic Center Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Barcinas on their wedding yesterday. May you continue to love and understand one another for the rest of your lives. We wish you many blessings and for the good health of your beautiful family. May your love continue to grow as the years go by. Congratulations Jonas and Reza Barcinas. Love, your family and friends.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy 48th wedding anniversary to our Grandpa Francisco and Grandma Isabel Camacho. Thank you for everything you do for us. From your great-grandkids Zion Jay-Ross and RickyJay Kaipat. We love you.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 1, 2004

CNMI's overtime cost rocketing

The CNMI government is incurring substantial overtime costs due to the accumulated overtime work rendered by personnel and officers from various agencies since the start of the typhoon and through the ongoing recovery and restoration activities. Governor's press secretary Peter Callaghan said the Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Department of Public Health, and Department of Public Works are topping the list of agencies accruing additional expenses since Saturday. Callaghan explained that based on the category of assessment, FEMA can extend help to individuals and businesses affected by the typhoon. Callaghan said that, if preliminary assessment determines that the CNMI can be accorded federal assistance, it is possible that expenses incurred would be split by the CNMI and the U.S. governments.

DPH advises vs leptospirosis, pest infestation

The Department of Public Health yesterday asked the public to take preventive actions against the possible incidence of leptospirosis and other illnesses that may come as a result of infestation of rodents, mosquitoes, and other pests brought by the continuous downpour following the onslaught of Typhoon Tingting.

DPH Secretary James U. Hofschneider said people must ensure good sanitation and regular maintenance in homes or businesses to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. In particular, the department asked the public to collect all tin cans and plastic bottles and dispose them safely, backfill stagnant pools using dirt or sand, and avoid collection of rainwater in any man-made items, like cans, containers, boxes, etc.

July 1, 2005

CUC told to address Agingan problem

Gov. Juan N. Babauta has instructed the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to work actively with two federal agencies for the reprogramming of funds for the construction of the Agingan ocean outfall and repair of the Agingan wastewater treatment facility. Babauta, who currently has emergency control of CUC, said he has authorized CUC to ask the Office of Insular Affairs for the authority to reprogram fund balances amounting to $1.2 million for the outfall project.

At the same time, the governor told CUC to ask the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's permission to use $254,000 from an EPA wastewater construction grant for the project. The CUC was issued an administrative order by the EPA in 1999 for its failure to upgrade the ocean outfall to meet environmental standards.

Police probes death of another toddler

Police are looking into the death of another two-year-old boy, just days after another toddler was found dead inside a septic tank at a Chalan Kanoa home Sunday. Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric David said the boy was rushed yesterday to the Commonwealth Health Center, where attending doctors declared the toddler dead. He did not reveal the boy's identity. Police did not reveal the circumstances behind the toddler's death. David said the toddler's body was to undergo autopsy yesterday to determine the cause of death.

July 1, 2008

NMI students explore careers in health field

The CNMI Public School System Summer Health Careers Program started on June 8, 2008 and ended on June 20, 2008. The program is for students who are interested in pursuing careers in the field of health. Students and mentors stayed at Aquarius Beach Tower Hotel for almost two weeks. They had classes in anatomy and physiology, chemistry, math, problem-based learning, English assessment skills, health and wellness, and team building. The classes were held at Saipan Southern High School. The students also had the opportunity to shadow health care professionals at the local hospital, the Commonwealth Health Center.

First Narita Flight lands on Saipan

The first of many new Northwest Airlines flights from Tokyo's Narita Airport touched down on Saipan early this morning, a landmark event opening a new daily service schedule for travelers and marking the culmination of several months of negotiations between the airline, travel agents and local officials. The new flights are expected to draw thousands of new visitors to the Commonwealth, observers say, giving the local tourism sector a needed boost. Gov. Benigno Fitial applauded the landing as "the most important single step forward for the rebirth of our tourism industry" since Northwest agreed to re-launch its daily service from Osaka last year.

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The First of July

In 1643, the Westminster Assembly gathered a council of divines and Parliament to restructure the State Church after Henry VIII ushered Scottish Presbyteries and Congregationalists, leaving Anglicans with their Bishops.

Presbyters are clergy elders who prevail over the assertive congregations that want autonomy from the reign of clerics, particularly the Roman system where the word of the Bishop guides faith and order. Presbyterians and Puritans later dominated the New World landscape vs. the Episcopal Tories. Not surprising that the Methodists and Episcopalians say "Amen" in the same space in Saipan.

America in 1863 began the Battle of Gettysburg. Robert E. Lee marched through the Shenandoah Valley north to Gettysburg where he expected to wipe the Union soldiers before marching towards New York. He was rudely interrupted.

The bloody encounter was a turning point of the U.S. Civil War; Union soldiers kept their pride and survivors got Abe Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

The British North America Act of 1867 ushered Canada's Constitution, creating Canada Day that got Canucks singing "O Canada" a century later.

In 1898, T. Roosevelt's Rough Riders trumped Spain in the Battle of San Juan Hill in Santiago de Cuba birthing America's imperial itch that took grunts fresh from Indian territories still in their woolens to the tepid waters of Agaña Harbor, Bay de Manila, and an early Mi Lai in the hills of Samar.

In 1921 the Chinese Communist Party was founded. In 1922, the U.S. Great Railroad Strike began on a union workers' protest, disrupted rail traffic but resulted in hiring of strikebreakers. The unions were chastened.

The U.S. Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 restricted the immigration of Chinese labor while Canada's Parliament echoed the sentiment 1923, totally suspended immigration of all Chinese. The U.S. repealed the Act in 1943 when China became an ally in WWII.

The '60s saw Somalia's independence, ending Elizabeth II's Head of State role in Ghana as President Kwame Nkrumah began a Pan-African push. Rwanda and Burundi came along.

In the aftermath of the '60s revolution of youth-women-universities-minorities-business-third-world countries, the first Gay Pride in London paraded and has done the same annually ever since. SCOTUS just rendered U.S. recognition of same-sex marriages (also, Obamacare) and the GOP is on the defensive again.

China ended British presence in Hong Kong 1997, but met massive protest in 2003 for its anti-sedition legislation and electoral reforms on the legislative agenda. Xianggang, Mandarin for the Cantonese Hong Kong, "fragrant flower," emerged; Macau is known now as Aomen. In 2006, China opened its efficient state-of-the-art Qinghai-Tibet rail traffic. It's constructing rails of rapid transit like the Beijing-Shenyang line that is normally five hours on the fast line, to two on a Maglev when completed.

All the above were on the first of July but laña, the day is just the mid-year mark in the Gregorian calendar to our ordinary beachcomber on Saipan. Attend a barbecue and fireworks on the Fourth of July. Biba!

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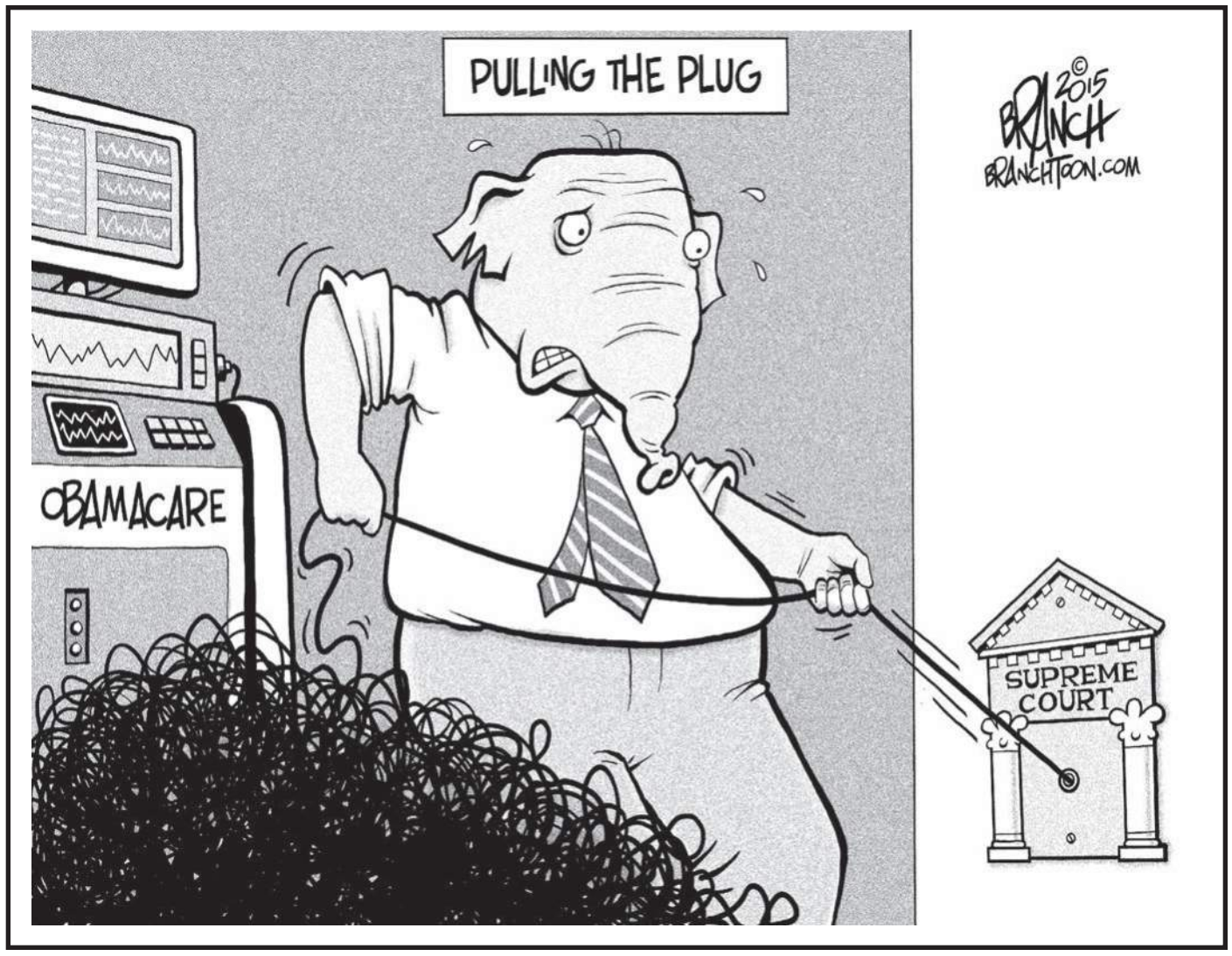
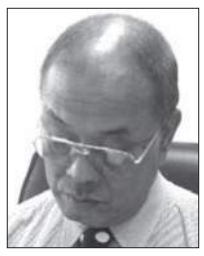


Culture of lawlessness!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*



Sentenced to a year in jail former governor Gov. Benigno R. Fitial could walk "Scott Free" just as soon as Gov. Eloy S. Inos commutes and pardons his friend. Never mind that Fitial was convicted for the commission of crimes in the highest office of the land. It's the wildebeest effect where one follows the crowd, rightly or wrongly. Reasoning turns academic.

Inos' intention was preconceived or made two days before Fitial's sentencing. Thus the political calisthenics at the multi-purpose center is an exercise in futility. It's heavily inundated with political camaraderie over upholding the integrity of the legal system. There's no room to secure point of clarity on what's at issue.

Nonetheless, it's the perfect opportunity to promote acceptance of the new culture of lawlessness! It's permissible by the apparent abrogation of a legal system that works. We don't want justice for all but the "few." You could feel the arrogance in the grand sense of entitlement where the politically powerful violate the rule of law and still get away with it. A violation of law is a violation of law. Why do we wish to undermine the legal system? What happens to the innocent without the right political connections? Do they get flushed out of the gate of convenience and ignored?

Woefully troubling the fatal message we're sending to our young people on the commission of crimes. You're saying it's okay because incarceration could easily be sought, commuted, and pardoned with the right political connection. Is this the right path to fostering strong governance or self-government? Isn't this a mockery of our democratic republic arrogance in full bloom on the faces of blind political loyalists? In brief, corruption must be removed from our midst once and for all. The stench is despicably unbearable so shamefully humiliating for the young ones trailing immediately behind us. How could you have missed this vital point?

Is this island safe for our people? Has the disappearance of four young girls and cold-blooded murder of six Chinese and a security guard been resolved? Aren't these criminal incidents slowly morphing into cold cases, if not, already? Didn't the new sheriff in town say he was going to get to the "bottom" of it? Have any of these cases been solved?

On top of these fearfully unresolved heinous crimes the politically powerful want us to accept the new "culture of lawlessness" as the immutable innovative business as usual paradigm? Isn't this the more egregious violation of trust against the innocent you purport to represent in our governmental institutions? What's our future under a government upon which was founded fiat and lawlessness?

My son who spent seven years in El Paso, Texas, a city historically considered the "Wild West," which during his time there was across the border from the deadliest city in the world said it's ironic that he returned home to the very lawlessness that he only saw in Westerns. He said the number of heinous crimes committed recently to which none has been solved makes murder here practically legal! Be that as it may we remain vigilant to recapturing the principle of justice in a government "of the people, by the people and for the people."

In this case, it's vital that we seek a moment of clarity to arrive at the truth. Please remember the majesty of the mountain—it "never bows to the sea"—stand up tall and let's end the arrogance of political entitlement and corruption in government forthwith!" Let's end the culture of lawlessness!

Sentimental journey

Music was an indelible part of my life. Through it I was able to support my parents and siblings through the hard days of the '60s. It was really gratifying and humbling though being able to help in my little ways—through music.

I made more as a musician supplementing dad's $20 monthly salary from a construction firm. Those were the rough days in the abyss of abject poverty when the minimum wage here was $.16 per hour. Most families had to toil the soil or fish along the shore or in the lagoon.

Through it all, I recalled sentimental melodies my saintly mom would sing on dark nights when a heavy rainstorm knocks out island power completely. I used to ask her to hum a certain melody I eventually wrote into "Flores Mayo." I medley it with another tune and recorded it. It's a song that is embedded in my mind, heart, and soul. Her voice still echoes in my ear though a distant melody in the heavens.

I also heard dad sing *Eskatminan Guinaiya*, a love song of commitments made that took the turn of fading into the sunset. It was a beautiful song he sang sentimentally. It was his mom's favorite ballad. I learned it later because of its lovely melody and depth of expression.

On family gatherings around the holidays, grandpa and my Auntie Kita would lead the song they wrote in both languages (*Mafañagu I Ñiño Giya Bilen*). Grandpa wrote it many years ago the original melody hailing from an atoll in Chuuk. It's a legacy he left behind including land for what's now the San Jose Church in Oleai. The harmony in our music depicts familial unity at its best.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DPL is ugly to Marianas Resort

A lot of readers may not know it but our priest has asked me to speak out more on the lack of ethics among our leaders so critics—shut up in my class! I know Pete is doing what he thinks is best for the CNMI, but he is doing it the wrong way. Pete is my friend and I supported him politically and even helped him with his bid for the U.S. delegate seat so this not about anything but what is ethical for Marianas Resort, not Pete. I am not writing to put him down but to ask him and the governor to reconsider their plan as Pete made a slight "ethical" mistake in requesting for bids.

Marianas Resort is not the new kid on the block to be shooed away for someone else we don't even know—these investors are our friends and co-pioneers of our Commonwealth who helped to start our tourist industry. So why are we throwing them in a barrel with other investors we don't know, especially when it is their buildings we are taking to give to the highest bidder. I think even a first grader can tell that something is very wrong or should I say "unethical."

It is just like I have been saying for years, the CNMI is developing and fluid so we must learn how to break paradigms (think outside the box) to improve and progress but in a fair and equitable manner. Pete is right that Marianas Resort should be competitive in retaining their lease but he is dead wrong about them competing with others when they have already won the lease. Pete is stuck in the "old school" approach of only competitive bidding like this is a new project but it is not new—it is an ongoing project that Marianas Resort started and should have the right to continue. What DPL should do is open the bidding up and make a selection but allow Marianas Resort to "counter or match" the chosen bid which is what we used to call fair but now we have gotten educated we call it being ethical. Be fair to Marianas Resort as we the people owe them that much for the millions they have brought us as they have rightfully earned first option rights to salvage their investment before we go giving their investment away. I don't know what their lawyers were thinking when they signed the contract—it seems they could have used me. But try walking in the resort's shoes on this one and you will see how bad it feels for someone to take your investment away and force you to bid against mystery investors and numbers.

I had always wondered about this kind of scenario and now I see what the government will do to investors—screw them for true! The government wants investors to be "loyal" to the CNMI but the government is not "loyal" to them and this is ugly and will surely give us a bad name among investors who want to lease lands from the government in the future. Pete is caught up in the here and now but needs to think about the past and the future on this one. Anyway, I can only pray for Marianas Resort owners that Pete and the governor will listen to the true wisdom I just shared and change the bidding process based on ethical standards. What I have just proposed is fair to the new bidders and they must bid higher under these conditions with a counter proposal on the table which actually increases the potential earnings for the CNMI in the bidding process—so being ethical actually pays and it certainly restores "confidence" in our government for present investors who are depending on future lease agreements. Let us have an ethical government that investors can trust to treat them with the highest ethical standards.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman

Good job, Ambrose

Mr. Ambrose Bennett wrote in your letter to editor section on June 11, 2015, referencing the poetic play of Macbeth created by William Shakespeare. Unfortunately, the entire introductory paragraph of Mr. Bennett's letter to you came straight from the first paragraph in Wikipedia on the same subject. Good job, Ambrose. Getting lost is worst than being late. Why not correct this to save your intellectual reputation for a change. Happy writing and remember this that the figure eight is not a straight line. Shame on you, Mr. Political Scientist.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kanat Tabla, Saipan

Misstated claims, false presuppositions

Craig Whelden, the top civilian at Marine Forces Pacific makes misstated claims, false presuppositions, and continually invites himself into islander affairs with his public remarks regarding the Marianas as evidenced in the June 24, 2015 *Saipan Tribune* article by Jayson Camacho "Military: Pagan would be a training area, not a bombing range." U.S. PACOM wants to assert American military influence through the DEIS process and through continual visits to persuade islanders that it is acceptable and OK to produce environmental and cultural damage onto Pagan and to further compromise Tinian for military training and bombing purposes. I disagree with what the military wants to do in Pagan and in Tinian.

Whelden states that, "it is a false characterization to liken the military's use of Pagan to Farallon de Medenilla, Vieques or Ko'olawe." Whelden fails to state what he means by "training area" and "bombing range" and he fails to demonstrate how and why FDM, Vieques and Ko'olawe are different from proposals to "bomb" and "train" on Pagan. Whelden and the U.S. Pacific Command also fail to convey that previous environmental damage caused by the military on Tinian and on Guam has been fully remediated and restored. If the military wants to grow its credibility with islanders, start showing us what was done to fully remediate all environmental damage in Guam as one starting point.

The second example of how Craig Whelden makes misstated public claims is when he makes statements like "We have demonstrated in many locations around the world how the Department of Defense is a good steward of the environment. We would be so at Pagan as well." What comparative locations is Whelden referencing and how are his analogies important and useful to Chamorros and Carolinians? Are his references contained in the draft EIS? What does Whelden mean by saying that the DoD would be a good environmental steward? What information does Whelden have that somehow evidences that Pagan is up for negotiation and that islanders approve and consent to Pagan being damaged by military training and bombing? I believe Mr. Whleden makes poor references that are misstated because they are incomplete and not contextualized.

Whelden also falsely presumes that Pagan's residents somehow want to "co-exist" with the American military. Whelden falsely presupposes that Pagan residents also want to co-exist with U.S. Special Operations personnel conducting training operations in the southern portion of Pagan and he falsely presupposes, by implication, that there will be a co-existence arrangement between islanders and the military on Pagan in the first place. Whelden also omits to discuss how the undersea coral beds and limestone will be damaged or destroyed for amphibious maneuvers and "training" on Pagan as well as on Tinian. Whelden omits to state how the destruction of topsoil, limestone, and coral beds will create the conditions that will cause erosion throughout the island when typhoons and storms come into the area.

Whelden demonstrates self-inviting rudeness as demonstrated in Mr. Camacho's article when it is stated that "Whelden thinks there would be some benefit for his team to accompany Tenorio to the island so they can better understand the CNMI's aspirations for Pagan as well as the CNMI understanding the limitations and care of the military's planned use of Pagan." This statement presupposes that CNMI officials want the military tagging along on CNMI governmental trips and it demonstrates just how badly the military wants Pagan. It reminds me of the phrase "ugly American" because Whelden's aggressiveness is a sign of PACOM desperation founded on military desires and wants. It also demonstrates PACOM's refusal to take "no" as the answer to proposed military activities on Pagan.

A second example of self-inviting rudeness is when Whelden wrongly claims that "It's time to take the next step, by opening the dialogue to find out how we can both benefit by the DoD's use (for training) of an island we recognize has special significance to the people of the CNMI. There is no commitment made by sitting down and talking. We may just learn that there are benefits to both sides." This kind of public statement demonstrates Whelden's lack of attentiveness to islander sentiments because the community has overwhelmingly stated that it does not approve or consent to the military taking of Pagan and to additional military activity taking place on Tinian. This statement also demonstrates PACOM's misread of just how important the Marianas Islands are to Chamorros and Carolinians alike because all islands of the Marianas are sacred and special, not just one island.

If Whelden and the U.S. Pacific Command want to build lasting trust with islanders, all they need to do is say upfront what is the worst possible scenario and plainly state how the air, water, land, sub terrestrial, space and sea domains will be damaged and/or destroyed and show us how it will be cleaned up. If Whelden wants to grow credibility with islanders, he needs to demonstrate how past congressional appropriations have been used to clean up Guam and Tinian. I distrust U.S. Pacific Command and the Pentagon because I think military officials such as Mr. Whelden lack the moral courage and the political will to be upfront and tell islanders just how damaging and destructive military activities will be on Pagan and on Tinian should the military get its way.

Rick Perez
Hanover, New Hampshire

Nothing worse

I find it appalling that the *Saipan Tribune* would choose to publish on Monday's editorial page a grossly deceptive and mendacious opinion piece by John Yoo—the architect, apologist, and facilitator of the Bush administration's torture policy—portraying *Obergefell v. Hodges* as an attack on democracy. Mr. Yoo, I am sure, would consider Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves as an attack on democracy rooted in the sanctity of property; the War Between the States as an attack on democracy expressed in the choice of secession; *Loving v. Virginia*, striking down laws criminalizing interracial marriages as an attack on democracy; *Griswold v. Connecticut*, protecting the right of couples to use contraception if they choose, and other cases protecting the privacy of individual choices in the bedroom and elsewhere, all as attacks on democracy.

Tyranny is the arbitrary and capricious enforcement of the will of the ruler on the people by any means. Tyrants have always had their "philosophers," like the sophists of ancient Greece. The function of sophistry is to make falsehood masquerade as truth. The Founders, in framing the American Constitution, did not set out to protect democracy, they set out to safeguard liberty while building a strong nation. Their greatest fear was the triumph of tyranny.

As Madison said, "If men were angels, no government would be necessary." And if angels were to govern, we would not need constitutions and Supreme Courts. So the Founders set out to create a republic, but not just any republic, a democratic republic, because the roots of legitimacy for governance have to be found in the individual. Not in the democratic mass, the "tyranny of the majority," but in the fundamental worth of each and every individual.

The Supreme Court, notwithstanding Mr. Yoo's distaste for the messy diversity of life, has once again risen to the task of fulfilling its highest purpose: the protection of the dignity and value of each and every individual, without which there can be no true democracy and no true justice. Autonomous individuals are the building blocks of democracy. Without them, there is no democracy, just a collective, run by a tyrant.

John Yoo is a philosopher for tyranny, a sophist whose only use for democracy is to invoke its name in furtherance of oppression, to brandish its mantle as an excuse to trample on the rights, freedom and dignity of some, to hold himself up by ruthlessly and senselessly pushing others down.

There really is nothing worse than brilliant use of the written and spoken word to evil ends, and Mr. Yoo is a master of that. The *Tribune* should not allow its pages to be defiled with such trash.

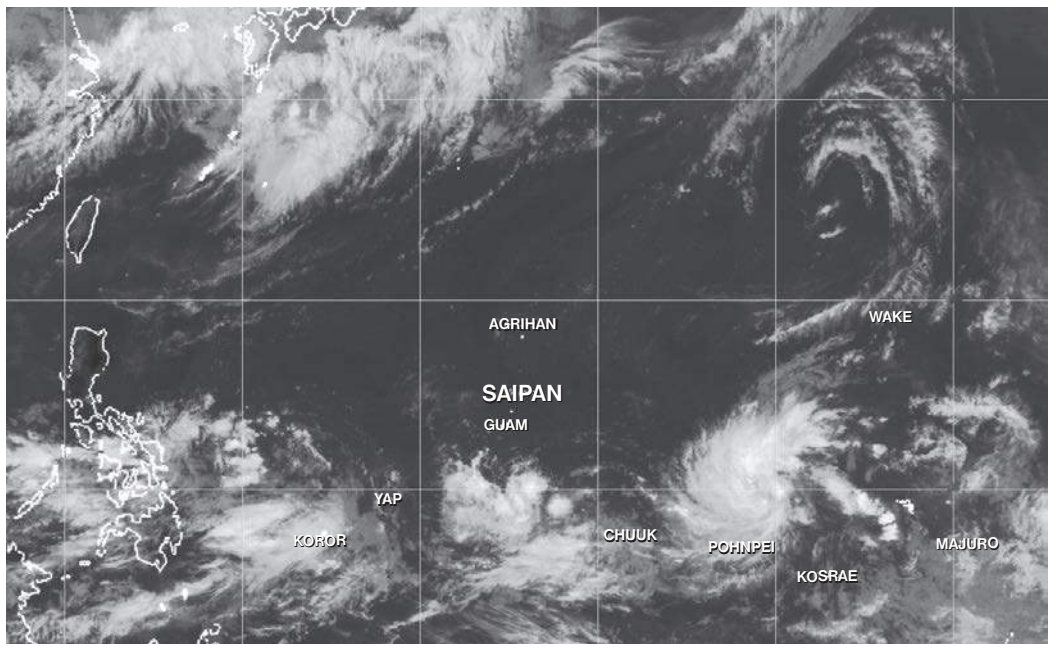
Stephen C. Woodruff
Via email

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲85° ▼76°	▲85° ▼75°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center has issued a formation alert for a circulation centered near 9N161E which is 255 miles northeast of Pohnpei. This means that the formation of a significant tropical cyclone is possible within the next 12 to 24 hours. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are between 6N and 13N from 155E to 162E. For more information, see JTWC bulletins issued under WMO header WTPN21 PGTW and NWS products issued under WMO header WWMY80 PGUM and WWPQ80 PGUM otherwise, an active monsoon trough runs eastward across Micronesia from a circulation northwest of Koror at 11N132E through another circulation 250 miles west-northwest of Chuuk at 9N148E curving over northern islands of Chuuk state through the circulation northeast of Pohnpei at 9N161E turning southeastward across the Marshall Islands through yet another circulation near 7N175E and beyond the date line at 7N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across the Republic of Palau and southwest of Yap are southwest of a line from 14N131E to 12N136E to 5N138E and from east of Yap to Chuuk between 11N and 4N from 140E to 153E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from east of Kosrae across the Marshall Islands are mainly between 10N and the equator from 165E to the date line.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78

Around the Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼49
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲92	▼63
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲91	▼83
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲95	▼66
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼68
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼79
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼70
Osaka	Rain	▲80	▼71
Paris	Sunny	▲103	▼74
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼65
Rome	Sunny	▲91	▼71
Salem	Sunny	▲93	▼60
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼56
Seoul	Showers	▲82	▼64
Tokyo	Rain	▲75	▼69
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼71

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:51 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
7:00 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
2:22 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.4 Feet
9:19 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:59 PM	4:48 AM
Thursday	6:55 PM	5:44 AM
Friday	7:50 PM	6:42 AM
Saturday	8:43 PM	7:42 AM
Sunday	9:33 PM	8:41 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 28, 2015

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:15pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:15pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:05pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:45pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:45pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:45pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Saipan and Northern Islands local officials meet with Dentons

Aldan

Dentons US LCC returned Monday morning to their San Francisco headquarters after nearly a week of intensive consultation on Saipan and Tinian on the military's environmental impact statement.

Monday's meeting with Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Antonia M. Tudela and vice chair Alice S. Igitol touched on the mayor's resettlement and redevelopment summit actions that have taken place since the 2012 frontier summit.

Tudela

Dentons were provided briefing on the mayor's participation in prescoping meeting (2013), socio-economic consultation (2014), ad-hoc meeting (2013), scoping meeting (2013), and the draft EIS (2015), all sponsored by the military, which to the mayor's surprise found little (if any) reference in the latest draft EIS issued on April this year.

Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas briefly joined the group and expressed his sincere appreciation to Dentons for their diligence in reviewing the latest draft EIS and their assistance in that regard.

Aldan lamented that interest in Pagan by the military planners became apparent following the successful 2012 frontier socio-economic development forum held on Saipan two years ago. In February the following year in 2013, the mayor was visited by military officials who expressed interest in Pagan for training. Little did the mayor realize then the military's intent would soon be published in April that year.

On the April 13, 2013 Federal Register found in Volume 78, No. 78 on page 23920 the military issued a "notice of intent" on Pagan that "(t)he proposed action is to establish a series of live-fire and maneuver Ranges and Training Areas (RTAs) within the CNMI to meet within this purpose, (t)he expansion of existing RTAs and construction of new RTAs… for PACOM forces…to regularly train in the Mariana Islands. These RTAs will be available to U.S. forces and their allies on a continuous and uninterrupted schedule."

For details on the events following the April 2013 notice of intent, visit the community website on http://www.savepaganisland.org. ***(PR)***

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Is inviting qualified U.S Citizens to apply for the following vacant positions

Position: (1) BARTENDER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (4) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 3 years work experience as F&B supervisor, preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skills are a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (1) PAINTER
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a painter. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) PLUMBER
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years plumbing experience, preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment, and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather and able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) STEWARD SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 3 years experience in stewarding; 1 year experience as stewarding supervisor. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Must have strong knowledge of sanitation procedure and heath codes and implementation. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (1) ACCOUNTING ANALYST- Accounts Payable/Disbursements
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting is preferred. 3 years progressive experience in accounts payable and general accounting experience. Strong knowledge of relevant computer software application, particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required. ¬

Position: (2) ACCOUNTING ANALYST- Accounts Receivable
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. 3 years progressive experience in accounts receivable operations. Must have strong knowledge of relevant computer software applications, particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) COST ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost of regular menu items and assists banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business, or finance is preferred. Minimum of 3 years work experience as cost accountant, preferably in a hotel. Proficient in computer software applications, particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) PURCHASING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. Minimum of 3 years progressive work experience as a purchasing supervisor, preferably in a hotel or fast-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments, and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Experienced with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) FOOD AND BEVERAGE ASSISTANT
Qualifications: 3 years experience and responsibility in management level in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or hotel is preferred. Strong customer and people skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Strong organizational and time management skills are necessary. Knowledgeable on sanitation and health regulation and implementation thereof. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early mornings, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (2) GUEST RELATIONS AGENT
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 1-2 years previous work experience as guest relations agent in a high volume hotel is highly preferred. Language speaking skill in Japanese, Korean or Chinese is advantageous. Strong customer service and communication skills are essential. Must have good problem solving skills. Must be able to multitask and is a team player. Knowledge of computer applications is required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: 4 years progressive experience as an income auditor preferably in a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets; knowledgeable with accounting software particularly in SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: 6 months to a year of experience in the housekeeping industry in a high volume hotel. Must show documented success during 6 months to a year of progressive experience and responsibility in management level. Proficient in a hotel property management system and computer software applications. Excellent time management and organizational skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays. Must be able to stand on feet for long periods of time.

Position: (1) DIRECTOR OF ROOMS
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years progressive experience in a comparable position in a luxury hotel operation. Excellent guest service and resolution skills. Strong knowledge of all aspects of Rooms Division operations; strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Must have the flexibility to meet the demands of a 24 hour operation and the ability to work comprehensively with spreadsheets and budgeting packages. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (3) HOUSEKEEPING CLEANER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 6 months to 1 year prior cleaning experience in a large building complex is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 30 pounds. Must have attention to detail, working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Can work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, holidays, and back-to-back when necessary.

Position: (1) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
Qualifications: 2 years experience as a general maintenance worker in repairing or replacing defective equipment parts, using hand tools and power tools and reassemble equipment is required. Must be able to work independently. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds. Must be a team player and has good interpersonal skills. Able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (6) COOK
Qualifications: 2 years experience as a cook in international cuisine is required and preferably from a high volume restaurant or hotel. Must have problem solving abilities, be self-motivated, and organized. Must be able to work under pressure and adaptable to last minute work preparation. Able to work nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (2) DEMI CHEF
Qualifications: High School Graduate or GED. Must be able to work under extreme pressure, stand on feet for long periods of time and work in a heated environment. Strong organizational skills. 2 years previous experience as a lead cook in a high volume restaurant or hotel. Is able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING
Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Sales & Marketing or Business preferred with a minimum of 6 years related experience with progressive managerial experience. Demonstrated in-depth sales, marketing techniques, and financial principles. Effective ability to communicate orally or in written form effectively with co-management, internal, and external customers. Fluency in Japanese language is highly preferred. Able to work in the field on occasion and travel off island to attend sales meetings as necessary. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Position: (1) ELECTRICIAN
Qualifications: 2 years progressive work experience as electrician in industrial, commercial, and residential building electrical works. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (1) MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: BA in accounting and minimum 7 years progressive experience in finance and accounting management preferably in a hotel of high volume. Proficient in the use of SAP, R3, FICO software, and other hotel's front office and POS systems. Must have a clear understanding of internal audits and annual audits. Strong written and verbal communication, interpersonal and customer service skills. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays whenever necessary.

Position: (1) MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR
Qualifications: 4 years of progressive experience as maintenance coordinator in a large building complex or hotel is highly preferred. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Must have the ability to multitask and have good time management skills. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Position: (1) FRONT DESK MANAGER
Qualifications: Must have a minimum of 3 years experience in Front Desk Management in a high volume hotel or full service hotel. Strong communication skills both written and verbal are necessary; demonstrated leadership abilities. Must have an energetic and dynamic personality and able to multitask. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) NIGHT AUDITOR
Qualifications: 3 years experience in hotel internal auditing preferably in a high volume hotel. Strong knowledge of mathematics and their applications. Excellent customer and interpersonal skills. Effective communication and strong computer skills are essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) LAUNDRY ATTENDANT
Qualifications: Employees in these occupations need anywhere from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations. Experience as a laundry worker is required, preferably in a high volume hotel or establishment such as a hospital. Must be able to lift and carry 35 pounds. Must be able to stand on feet throughout work shift. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, back-to-back, nights, and holidays. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential.

Position: (1) ACCOUNTING MANAGER
Qualifications: A minimum of a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in accounting. 5 years experience in the area of financial statement preparation, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, accounts payable and accounts receivable, or the equivalent. Experience working with an automated financial management system. Knowledge and ability in the use of a personal computer and software applications particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Strong organizational and analytical skills and the ability to maintain detailed records; ability to work effectively under stressful conditions. Able to communicate both written and oral. Must be able to work a varied schedule including holidays and weekends when required. The applicant must successfully complete a background check.

Position: (1) IT MANAGER
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in computer science or equivalent education and experience. Knowledge of website technologies. 3 years progressive IT experience in management level including experience in a multi office environment. Demonstrated ability to lead a team of technical staff to work with the Executive management of an organization and to manage multiple concurrent projects. Excellent verbal and communication skills; strong management skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) SUPERVISOR, GENERAL ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. 4 years progressive work experience as an accountant in supervisory level. Must be computer literate and proficient in accounting software application particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Must have strong organizational skills and be a team player. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR
Qualifications: 5 years of progressive responsibility in food & beverage from a full service hotel or high volume restaurant in management position. Experienced in managing food costs, upholding menu standards, and controlling inventory. Must be able to create event-specific menus for occasions as banquets, conferences, and catering meetings. Knowledgeable of serve safe sanitary procedures and health codes, overall compliance of all health regulations for food preparation. Proficient with computer software applications. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (2) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years experience in front office in a supervisory capacity and preferably from a full service hotel/resort. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to ensure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends, and nights.

Position: (1) MAINTENANCE MANAGER
Qualifications: 5 years of skilled and increasingly responsible experience in building construction or maintenance work of which 2 years shall have been in management level. Knowledge of tools, materials, working practices and methods of the building trades, equipment, working procedures and methods required in a hotel property and grounds maintenance program, and in the repair and minor construction of hotel facilities, landscaping, plant propagation, soils, insecticides and gardening tools, laws affecting maintenance, repair and construction of the hotel facility, principles of supervision, training and management. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) SALES EXECUTIVE- KOREAN MARKET
Qualifications: 1 year progressive experience in sales & marketing. Excellent oral and written communication in English and Korean. Must have a personable and charming personality. Has good presentation, reasoning, and negotiation with clients. Highly motivated and results-oriented. Can work effectively within the sales support teams for the achievement of guest satisfaction, revenue generation, and long-term account goals in line with the company's vision and values. Must be willing to extend and work for long hours when necessary. May be required to travel off-island to attend sales meetings when necessary. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (3) FOOD & BEVERAGE SENIOR SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years progressive work experience as a supervisor in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or full service hotel. Excellent customer service skills, organizational and communication skills are essential. Knowledgeable with health, fire and sanitation regulations. Proficient with POS system. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) SUPERVISOR- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Qualifications: High school graduate, major in accounting is preferred OR 2 years progressive experience in account payable operations in supervisory level. Strong personal computer skills is essential. Proficient knowledge in using SAP, FICO, and R3 accounting systems. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when necessary.

Position: (1) MASON
Qualifications: Knowledge of related tools, masonry techniques, equipment, and materials. Skill in the construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance of masonry structures and surfaces. 3 years masonry or bricklaying experience is required. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (5) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years hotel experience in housekeeping at a supervisory level. Must have excellent communication skills and basic computer knowledge. Strong customer and interpersonal skills. Good stamina – is able to stand on feet for long period of time and can lift and carry up to 30 pounds. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) ROOM RESERVATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years progressive work experience in rooms reservations in a supervisory level is required and preferably in a large volume hotel. Creative conflict resolution skills are essential to this position. Ability to use reservation software and manage guest database. Must be organized and posses strong communication and interpersonal skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) MECHANICAL SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: BA degree in mechanical engineering or related field AND 4 years of mechanical engineering or related experience OR 8 years of mechanical engineering or related experience OR any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills, and abilities have been achieved. Must be willing to work a varied schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) STEWARD SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 3 years experience in stewarding; 1 year stewarding supervisor experience. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Have strong knowledge on Health and sanitation procedure and implementation. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (14) WAIT STAFF
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. 2 years of actual experience as wait staff is highly preferred. Ability to calculate figures, volumes and mathematical conversions. Ability to respond to common inquiries complaints from customers. Ability to write and speak clearly and effectively in English, multilingual desirable, preferably Japanese, Korean, and Chinese (but not required). Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (2) BAKER
Qualifications: Six months to one year experience in creating breads and other baked goods, such as cakes, pies, and other pastries. Strong math skills, detail oriented. Familiar with baking equipment. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods of time, and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds easily without any assistance. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) RESTAURANT MANAGER
Qualifications: 3 years progressive experience as a restaurant manager and preferably from a high volume restaurant or hotel. Strong communication, interpersonal, and customer service skills are essential. Requires ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Requires much of your time on your feet, moving between different areas and restaurant outlets. Fluency in the Japanese language is highly advantageous. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) ASSISTANT MANAGER- ROOMS DIVISION
Qualifications: Two years experience as an Assistant Rooms Division Manager in a high volume hotel is preferred. Excellent customer service skills and ability to communicate effectively with customers and management team. Proficient with hotel property management system and computer software applications are essential. Must have profound knowledge in rooms management. Ability to speak and write in Japanese is preferred. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's South Wing. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than July 7, 2015.
Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Band founder and director William DeWitt conducts a sound check with the Manta Ray musicians at Disney Hall before their recent win this month. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

'A HOMETOWN HERO'

DeWitt leaves a harmonious legacy of music

»'Mantas must and will remain at the forefront of music education in our region'

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Their performances have been described as "music from heaven." The Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray band and Pacific Winds Community Concert band, under the baton of William DeWitt, have taken the island by storm in the past years with their treasure trove of accolades and musical adeptness.

Recently, the public school band won the Gold award at the Los Angeles music festival, to which band founder and director DeWitt called "a fairytale ending" to his career.

"The judges, we would learn later, were most impressed with the level of maturity exhibited by our musicians," he said. "After the event, tears flowed, cameras clicked, and hugs persisted as we all recognized that this would mark both the end of an era, and the beginning of a new [one], he said."

DeWitt will be leaving the Marianas later this year to spend time with his parents in California and work on a post-graduate degree.

"Island life will always be in my blood, so I plan to do a lot of paddle-boarding in the Ventura Harbor, swimming at the beach, where the water will be much colder, and hopefully encouraging a few kids over there to pursue music and share it," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

His departure has many residents and students reminiscing on his influence, which propelled island students to local, regional, and national stages.

Under DeWitt's musical wing, both bands have earned prestigious awards. Together, the bands have won Tumon Bay music festival gold and sweepstakes awards for every year they participated since 2008.

The ensemble also brought their musical talents to the Olympics in Beijing in 2008 and London in 2012.

The musicians eventually made their way to the Sydney Opera House, Carnegie Hall, Westminster Abbey, Disney Land, and Disney Hall, where the Manta Band earned the Gold Award and was the highest scoring ensemble in the festival competition.

Several notable concert band works have been inspired by, composed for, or commissioned by the Manta Band as well—including *Marianas Variations*, *March of the Spinner Dolphins*, and *Seeds of Music*.

DeWitt noted that one of the most significant achievements of the band program reaches beyond the halls of high school. Many alumni, he said, are currently serving as enlisted musicians in the Army National Guard Band.

One 2011 alumnus, Donavan Tudela, even took part in a piece during the gold-award winning performance last week in L.A.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
William DeWitt, center, poses for a photo with his family, from left, daughter Abby, wife Lois, son James, and daughter Emily.

The group's signature accomplishment, he opined, "is the pride and honor we have brought to our school and hopefully to our community and PSS."

"It has always been a partnership with our community, and the many individuals and businesses that have financially supported our efforts over the years speak to this point," he said. "We are extremely grateful for hundreds of contributions, totaling more than a million dollars, over the course of the past decade or so. We'd like to think that those investments have been worth it from the donors' perspectives. Without them, we could not have done what we've done. And, there are too many folks to mention by name."

DeWitt urges the philanthropists to continue to assist PSS to strengthen the opportunity for young musicians to develop, master, and showcase their talents.

Finding a home in the island community

DeWitt came to Saipan in 1993, not long after getting married to his wife, Lois, and graduating from college. His children, Emily, Abigail, and James have considered Saipan home since then.

DeWitt began his career on island at the Seventh-Day Adventist school in 1993, before becoming a household name. His tenure there lasted until 2000, when he accepted a job offer from principal Dr. James Denight to teach at Marianas High School and modify the band program comprised of 100 students.

That budding enthusiasm for instrumental music education, DeWitt explained, quickly matriculated to Saipan Southern High School, which upon its inauguration in 2002, was prospectively designed to be a magnet school for students with an interest in the arts and technology.

At this juncture of his career, Peter Le'au and Craig Garrison, the upcoming administrators of Saipan's newest secondary school, persuaded DeWitt to take part in their vision for SSHS.

"The rest, as they say, is history," he added.

For DeWitt, the past 13 years have been more than just doing his job, it was about fulfilling the dreams of thousands of young people in their journey to make music, share it with the world, and provide better opportunity for others to do the same.

"I am confident that this original vision will be nurtured and expanded at SSHS as I depart the school family I love so dearly," he said. "Mantas will remain at the forefront of music education in our region."

In retrospect, DeWitt told *Saipan Tribune* he would not have imagined the future as it has unfolded.

"I never even dreamed that the aspirations and accomplishments that our students have celebrated since then were even remotely possible in a school that had yet-to-be developed traditions involving concert bands," he explained. "All I could hope was that in a place teeming with multi-generational musical talent and a universal love for singing, there might be a good chance that students in Saipan would also be passionate about learning trumpet, flute, trombone, or clarinet."

Music has always been a strong part of the fabric of the Marianas, according to DeWitt. That, he said, premises the success the group has built.

It should be recognized that the program's has unified a burgeoning culturally diverse student demographic in the CNMI.

The Manta Band program itself consists of Chamorro, Carolinian, Palauan, Marshallese, Filipino, Korean, Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Indian, and other pacific cultures.

"They share a common passion for a common dream pursued by up to 250 students annually," DeWitt said.

The next chapter of the DeWitt's life will be written in California, something he said he has yet to wrap his mind around. "It's difficult to wrap my mind around the idea of not teaching here where we have the best students in the world!"

His daughter, Emily, a SSHS alumna, will be attending Pepperdine University in the fall and will be studying music and education. His wife, Lois, is interviewing with schools in the area, and will possibly become a school principal.

Their two younger children, James and Abby, he jokingly said, "are figuring out ways to convince me to take them to In-n-Out Burger every day."

Generations of musical inspiration

DeWitt's impact has unequivocally touched the lives of students throughout generations. So much so that an alumnus, Joshua Sablan, will be taking helm as DeWitt's successor, leading the Manta Band and musicians of the Pacific Winds.

"I am confident that he will not only continue our legacy, but enhance it with his own brand of teaching and conducting," DeWitt said. "…I am optimistic that our community will give him their full support as they have to me."

Emily, a four-year band member and bassoon player, said that she has seen the seeds of music her father has planted at SSHS and the island community.

She added, "Many of the students consider him to be a father figure. As his daughter I have been able to see him behind the scenes and have seen just how much the band means to him. The band is truly family to him and we will always be one band, one heart."

Former band president and 2015 alumnus Jun Seo "Allen" Park sympathized, saying "Mr. Dewitt is like my father. He does everything he can to ensure that his students will receive optimal music education. He often serves as our counselor and offers helpful advice."

Park added, "He is one of the few teachers on island that truly cares about teenagers and their education. Words cannot explain how grateful I am for his service, and although I am disappointed that he is leaving the island, I am also excited that he will continue to inspire others and plant seeds of music education at his next destination.'

Katrina Cruz, 2014 SSHS alumna, told *Saipan Tribune* that DeWitt was one of her favorite teachers.

"His efforts to produce greatness out of a group some of the brightest, most talented students in Saipan has truly inspired me," she said. "Being able to travel and compete in prestigious musical competitions were experiences that have definitely transformed my life in many, many ways. Even when fundraising for these trips and rehearsing for these competitions were tiring—they contributed to the memories that replay in my head even to this day."

If the sentiments expressed by his current and former students are any indication of DeWitt's profound impact, one can surely conclude that DeWitt leaves a harmonious musical legacy in the islands with his departure. One that will perpetuate the band's unmatched infectious enthusiasm and rhythmic precision for years to come.

Business

Tsipras defiant as banks shut, markets rocked

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Anxious pensioners swarmed closed bank branches Monday and long lines snaked outside ATMs as Greeks endured the first day of serious controls on their daily economic lives ahead of a referendum that could determine whether the country has to ditch the euro currency and return to the drachma.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was defiant, urging voters to reject creditors' demands, insisting a "No" vote in next Sunday's referendum would strengthen Athens' negotiating hand.

"We ask you to reject it with all the might of your soul, with the greatest margin possible," he said on state television. "The greater the participation and the rejection of this deal, the greater the possibility will be to restart the negotiations to set a course of logic and sustainability."

Greece's bailout program ends Tuesday, when the country is unlikely to make a 1.6 billion euro ($1.8 billion) repayment to the International Monetary Fund. But Athens and creditors from the IMF and the eurozone failed to agree on the terms of an extension.

Tsipras called the referendum over the weekend, arguing that demands for tougher austerity measures could not be accepted after six years of recession.

The move shook world markets, saw Greek borrowing rates skyrocket, and set off a credit downgrade further into junk status from Standard & Poor's rating agency, which said it now sees a 50-percent chance of Greece leaving the eurozone.

That has stoked fears of a crippling bank run, a messy Greek debt default and an exit from the euro.

As the clock ran out on a Greece deal, Greeks were handed a daily 60 euros ($67) cash withdrawal limit, sending crowds of elderly depositors who do not have ATM cards rushing to closed bank branches.

AP
Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras prepares for a TV interview at the State Television (ERT) in Athens, Monday, June 29, 2015.

"I came here at 4 a.m. because I have to get my pension," said 74-year-old Anastasios Gevelidis, one of about 100 retirees waiting outside the main branch of the National Bank of Greece in the country's second-largest city of Thessaloniki.

"I don't have a card. I don't know what's going on. We don't even have enough money to buy bread," he said.

The sight of an economy on the precipice hit global markets hard Monday, driving stocks down in the United States and across Europe.

U.S. stocks had their worst day of the year, with the Dow Jones industrial average dropping 350 points to 17,596, while The Standard & Poor's 500 index sank 43 points to 2,057. The losses wiped out all the gains for the Dow and S&P 500 indexes this year.

In Europe, the Stoxx 50 index of leading shares ended 2.5 percent lower, while Germany's DAX slid 3.6 percent. There were also some early warning signs that Greece's problems may prove contagious—the borrowing rates of other highly indebted eurozone countries such as Italy and Portugal inched up slightly.

Governments sign pact to create Chinese-led Asian bank

BEIJING (AP)—Envoys of governments that plan to join a Chinese-led Asian bank endorsed a structure Monday that gives Beijing the biggest voting stake at the start but no veto power.

Each member of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank will receive voting shares in line with its contribution to the bank's planned $100 billion in capital, under the proposed structure. As the biggest donor, Beijing would get 26 percent of votes, with India in second-place with 7.5 percent and Russia third with 5.9 percent.

Beijing's proposal for the AIIB attracted unexpectedly wide support from U.S. allies including Britain, New Zealand, France, Australia and South Korea despite U.S. opposition. Washington and its ally Japan have refrained from seeking membership.

The Beijing-based bank is part of China's efforts to gain a bigger voice in global financial regulation that is dominated by the United States and Europe.

The bank is intended to finance investments in railways, cargo ports and other trade links. The U.S. government had objected that the bank would undercut existing institutions such as the World Bank and might allow looser lending standards.

Some 57 governments have expressed interest in joining the AIIB, but not all signed Monday's agreement. The Philippines said it and six other countries including Thailand and South Africa would not sign immediately and had until December to make a final decision.

"This proposal was designed to meet Asia's infrastructure development and promote Asia's connectivity and also deepen regional cooperation for the sake of development," said Chinese President Xi Jinping during a meeting with the foreign envoys in the Great Hall of the People in central Beijing.

"The very fact that representatives from the 57 prospective founding members are gathering in this room today is testimony to this spirit of solidarity, cooperation, openness and inclusiveness."

SIDEBAR Tourists on holiday coping with Greece's financial crisis

NEW YORK (AP)—Tourists on holiday in Greece offered advice to others Monday: Bring extra euros.

Several reported having some anxious moments over the weekend thanks to empty ATMs and merchants refusing credit cards, but the inconveniences eased as ATMs were replenished Monday.

"We were finally able to get cash out of an ATM today, thankfully, since we are running out of euros we got in the U.S.," said Anthony Adornato, a college professor from Syracuse, New York, heading from Athens to the island of Kea with three other Americans. "We thought we would have to start rationing, but luckily found an ATM that worked after two days of having no luck with others."

They'd tried five ATMs before finding one with cash, and many merchants had refused to take their credit cards.

Richard Joplin, a realtor in Austin, Texas, arrived in Athens Monday with his two daughters for a 10-day holiday. "So far we have only been inconvenienced with restaurants and cabs only wanting cash," he said. "I brought euros with me for that reason." But he didn't bring enough to last the trip, and hoped he'd be able to use credit cards and ATMs later in the trip.

But others reported no problems. "So far so good because we've only been here for a day and came with a lot of euros," said Chloe O'Brien, 21, of New York City, traveling with her grandma and two aunts to Athens and Mykonos.

Laura Simoes, visiting Kefalonia from New Hampshire, said she had "neither seen, nor felt, any impact from the economic crisis. ... Nearly every market, restaurant, etcetera has taken our credit card and never suggested they'd rather have cash."

Greeks can only withdraw 60 euros ($67) per account daily from banks, but the limits do not apply to foreigners.

The tour group company smarTours, which is sending several groups to Greece in a few weeks, is not seeing cancellations and is simply advising clients to bring euros.

"It is our understanding that our various suppliers are preparing for shortages of goods by stocking up," said smarTours co-CEO Greg Geronemus. "At this time, we do not believe that travelers are at risk, but this is a fluid situation and we are monitoring it very closely."

Obama proposal would make 5 million more eligible for OT

WASHINGTON (AP)—Salaried workers who earn nearly $1,000 per week would become eligible for overtime pay under a proposal President Barack Obama unveiled Monday, lamenting that too many Americans are working too many hours for less pay than they deserve.

The long-awaited overtime rule from the Labor Department would more than double the threshold at which employers can avoid paying overtime, from the current $455 a week to $970 a week by next year. That would mean salaried employees earning less than $50,440 a year would be assured overtime if they work more than 40 hours per week, up from the current $23,660 a year.

"We've got to keep making sure hard work is rewarded," Obama wrote in an op-ed in The Huffington Post. "That's how America should do business. In this country, a hard day's work deserves a fair day's pay."

To keep up with future inflation and wage growth, the proposal will peg the salary threshold at the 40th percentile of income, individuals familiar with the plan said. They requested anonymity to discuss the proposal ahead of the official announcement.

The president was to promote the proposal during a visit Thursday to La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Obama's proposal aims to narrow a loophole that the president has long said some employers exploit to avoid paying overtime.

Employees who make above the salary threshold can be denied overtime if they are deemed managers. Some work grueling schedules at fast food chains and retail stores, but with no overtime eligibility, their pay may be lower per hour than many workers they supervise.

The existing salary cap, established in 2004 under President George W. Bush, has been eroded by inflation and now relegates a family of four making just above the cap into poverty territory. Obama has long charged that the level is too low and undercuts the intent of the overtime law.

The proposed changes will be open for public comment and could take months to finalize. They can be enacted through regulation, without approval by the Republican-led Congress.

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LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
17,596.35	2,057.64	4,958.47
-350.33	-43.85	-122.04
-1.95%	-2.09%	-2.40%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.3012	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7522	Philippine Peso	45.0955
British Pound	0.6358	Indian Rupee	63.7375	Singapore Dollar	1.3461
Canadian Dollar	1.2392	Indonesian Rupiah	13322.5	South Korean Won	1115.1
Chinese Yuan	6.2011	Japanese Yen	122.3625	Swiss Franc	0.9292
Euro	0.8934	Malaysian Ringgit	3.7735	Taiwan Dollar	30.905
		New Zealand Dollar	1.4684	Thailand Baht	33.7565

Nation

Convicted killer thought fellow escapee slowing him down

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. (AP)—Two convicted killers who staged a complicated prison break together and then spent more than two weeks roaming in thick New York woods finally split up when one man decided his companion was slowing him down, going their separate ways a few days before one was shot and the other captured, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.

Authorities believe David Sweat, 35, and Richard Matt, 49, traveled mostly at night and managed to procure food, a gun and other supplies from hunting camps and seasonal cabins before splitting up about five days ago as they tried to elude a massive manhunt.

Sweat was hospitalized in serious condition after being shot twice in the torso by a trooper and captured Sunday near the Canadian border. Cuomo said Sweat has begun providing information about his audacious escape from the maximum-security Clinton Correctional Facility on June 6 with Richard Matt and their weeks on the lam. Matt was killed by officers on Friday.

Matt had blisters on his feet—searchers found his bloody socks—and Sweat thought the older escape partner was holding him back on their run to the Canadian border.

"Sweat felt that Matt was slowing him down," Cuomo said.

Prosecutors have previously said prison tailor shop employee Joyce Mitchell got close to the men and agreed to be their getaway driver but backed out because she felt guilty. Authorities also have said they discussed killing Mitchell's husband, matching the newly detailed account provided by Cuomo on the Capitol Pressroom radio program.

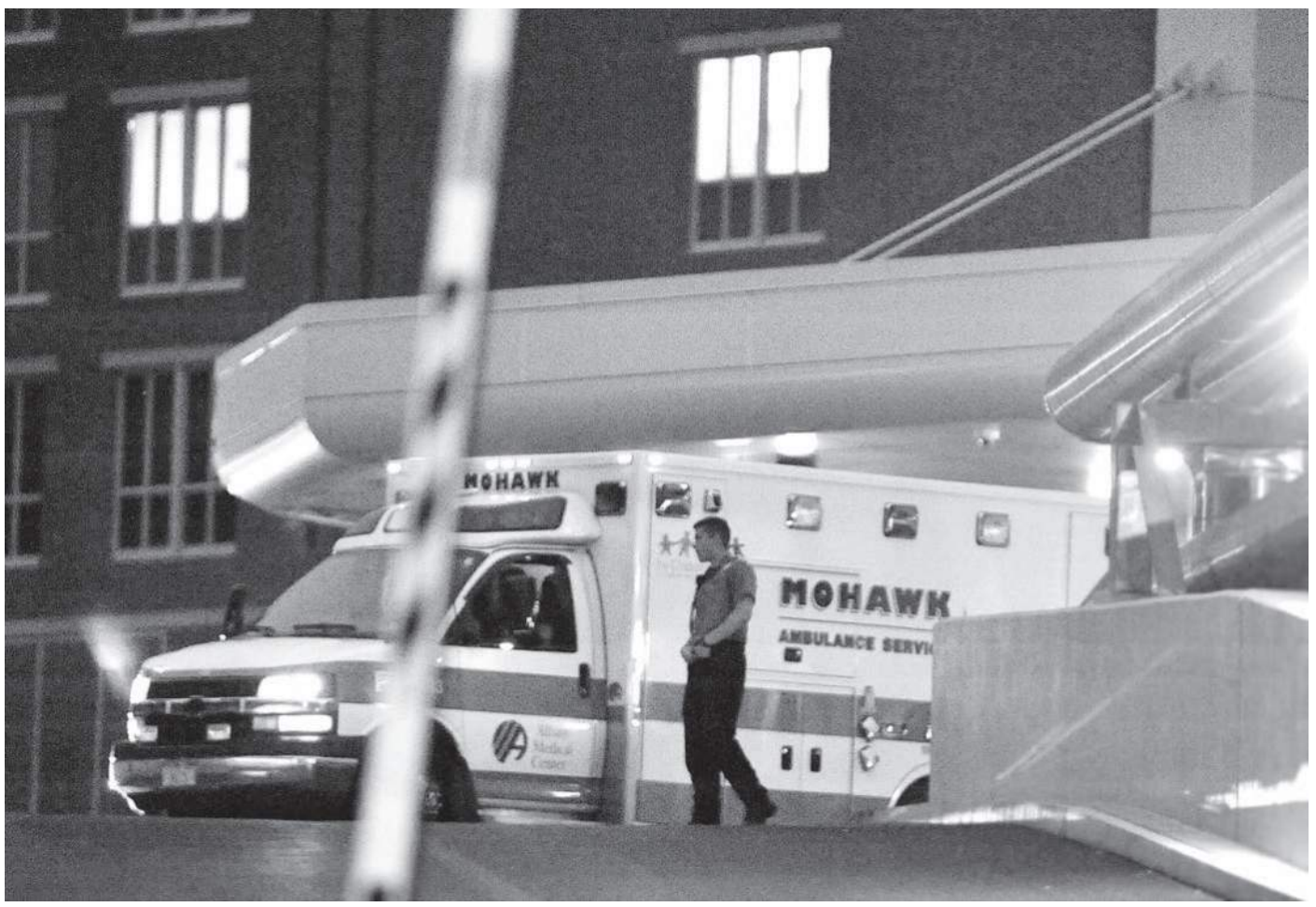
"They would kill Mitchell's husband and then get in the car and drive to Mexico on the theory that Mitchell was in love with one or both of them, and then they would go live happily ever after, which is a fairy tale that I wasn't read as a child," the governor said. "When Mitchell doesn't show up, the Mexico plan gets foiled, and then they head north toward Canada."

Matt had previously fled to Mexico after killing and dismembering his former boss in 1997.

Sweat was captured Sunday in town of Constable, about 30 miles northwest of the prison, after Sgt. Jay Cook spotted him while on routine patrol. Cook shot Sweat as he fled toward a stand of trees.

Sweat had a bag containing maps, tools, bug repellent and Pop Tarts when he was shot by Cook. Sweat was unarmed at the time, authorities said.

Sweat was airlifted to Albany Medical Center, where he was upgraded from critical to serious condition after doctors determined overnight that he didn't need immediate surgery. He is expected to stay at the hospital for a few days while his condition stabilizes, according to hospital officials.



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An ambulance transporting prison escapee David Sweat arrives at Albany Medical Center on Sunday, June 28, 2015, in Albany, N.Y.

Mourners recall SC shooting victim in funeral at church

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—The day she was killed along with eight others during Bible study at a South Carolina church, Myra Thompson achieved her goal of becoming a minister

Hundreds honored Thompson, 59, in a service Monday at the site of the deadly shooting, Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

"This is a woman who I want to strive to be," South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said of Thompson. "She wanted every person she came in touch with to make them better."

Haley broke down as she repeated a message from other victims' funerals in recent days, apologizing for attacks that "happened on my watch."

Thompson's daughter, Denise Quarles, said the former public school teacher and middle school guidance counselor loved to tell stories.

"A quick phone call was never a quick phone call," she said.

Friends and family said Thompson was a studious hard worker who led the historic African-American church's property committee and served on its board of trustees. A program for the service said Thompson began working to become an ordained AME minister in 2014 and received her license to preach June 17, the day of the shooting.

Thompson's widower, the Rev. Anthony Thompson, told the white male suspect in the shooting, Dylann Storm Roof, at a court appearance last week that the family forgives him.

"We would like you to take this opportunity to repent," Anthony Thompson said by video stream. "Do that, and you'll be better off than you are right now."

All nine of the victims in the shooting were black, and police contend the attack was racially motivated.

Thompson's funeral followed services for four other victims at Emanuel AME this weekend that brought political and religious leaders from across the country.

Those who spoke at the services echoed the similar theme that the lives lost would bring about positive social change.

Haley and the Rev. Jesse Jackson attended the funerals Saturday and Sunday.

California Legislature passes strict school vaccine bill

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California lawmakers on Monday sent the governor a contentious bill that would impose one of the strictest school vaccination laws in the country in reaction to a recent measles outbreak at Disneyland.

The Senate reaffirmed the bill striking California's personal belief exemption for immunizations on a 24-14 vote. Mississippi and West Virginia are the only two states with such strict requirements in place.

Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown has not said if he would sign it. Although the bill passed the Senate and the Assembly with bipartisan support, it did not pass with a two-thirds threshold that would be needed to override a governor's veto.

Parents opposed to the bill vowed to take legal action even though the issue has been upheld in court, including by the Supreme Court.

"I will sue to put my child in school," said Jude Tovatt of Roseville and the parent of an 8-year-old child. "I will not run from the state that is our home."

Other parents cheered the legislative vote and immediately turned their attention to swaying Brown.

"I know that he is very proscience and that's really what this bill comes down to: leadership in public health, and supporting evidence-based science," said Hannah Henry, mother of four from Napa who started Vaccinate California, a parental group in support of the bill.

Brown has 12 days to decide the bill. The governor's office immediately began receiving petitions from both sides.

"The governor believes that vaccinations are profoundly important and a major public health benefit, and any bill that reaches his desk will be closely considered," governor's spokesman Evan Westrup has repeated in recent days.

Democratic Sens. Richard Pan of Sacramento and Ben Allen of Santa Monica introduced the measure after the outbreak of measles at Disneyland in December infected over 100 people in the U.S. and Mexico. It applies to public and private schools, as well as day care facilities.

ACROSS THE NATION

Recent spike in shark attacks reported off Carolinas coast

Shark experts have a not-so-reassuring explanation for a recent spate of attacks along on the coast of the Carolinas: It's mainly because so many people are getting in the water. Six shark attacks were recorded in June in North Carolina waters, and the two most recent victims had to be flown to a hospital in Virginia for treatment. That's more than North Carolina has recorded in any single year dating to 2000. But it's all a matter of perspective, said George Burgess, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research. There were 28 attacks reported in Florida in 2014. So far this year, there have been 11 shark attacks there, with eight of those in neighboring Brevard and Volusia counties. Volusia is home to Daytona Beach, which is often packed with tourists. "Obviously that's a much smaller area than the area of North Carolina that's been affected, from the southern border up to Cape Hatteras," Burgess said. "... Those eight attacks have not generated much more than passing interest here in Florida." ***(AP)***

A world apart: 2 women with birthdates in 1800s still alive

When Susannah Mushatt Jones and Emma Morano were born in 1899, there was not yet world war or penicillin, and electricity was still considered a marvel. The women are believed to be the last two in the world with birthdates in the 1800s. The world has multiplied and changed drastically in their lifetimes. They have seen war destroy landmarks and cities and have seen them rebuilt. They witnessed the Gilded Age, a term coined by Mark Twain, and the dawn of civil rights, the rise and fall of the fascists and Benito Mussolini, the first polio vaccines and the first black president of the United States. Jones, who lives in New York, currently tops a list of supercentenarians, or people who have lived past 110, which is maintained by Los Angeles-based Gerontology Research Group. The organization tracks and maintains a database of the world's longest-living people. Morano, of Verbania, Italy, is just a few months younger than Jones and is Europe's oldest person, according to the group. The group knows of no others born in the 1800s. ***(AP)***

Openly transgender swimmer at Harvard believed to be a 1st

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Schuyler Bailar was a star recruit for the women's swimming team at Harvard University, a tough competitor with a shot at winning titles. But Bailar is opting to forgo such honors to join the men's team instead, competing as the first openly transgender swimmer in the NCAA. "It's half terrifying and half exciting," said Bailar, a 19-year-old from McLean, Virginia. "I'm just kind of embracing it with open arms." Bailar, an incoming freshman, came out as transgender this year after already being recruited for the women's team. Initially he planned to stay on that team but had mixed feelings about it—he wanted to swim, but he also wanted to embrace his identity. The Harvard women's coach saw that Bailar was torn and helped orchestrate another option: In a surprise move, the university offered Bailar a spot on either the men's or women's team.

Asia

Cigarettes or spark suspected in Taiwan fire that burned 498

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Investigators in Taiwan were focusing Monday on the possibility that a cigarette butt or spark caused the blaze that burned 498 people, killing one, at a weekend water park party when colored powder sprayed from the stage caught fire.

More than 400 people remained hospitalized, including 202 in serious condition, city officials said. A 20-year-old woman with burns to 90 percent of her body died after being taken off life support with her family's consent, said a hospital spokeswoman, who spoke anonymously because she wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

Taiwan's Central News Agency said her 12-year-old brother also had burns on 90 percent of his body.

Police recommended criminal charges against the organizer of Saturday's party, as well as two technicians, at the Formosa Fun Coast park in suburban Taipei.

"It's still not clear what happened, but there were a number of people smoking and the weather was warm," New Taipei City news department head Lin Chieh-yu said. Temperatures around greater Taipei topped 36 degrees Celsius (96.8 F) before the party.

AP

Injured victims from an explosion during a music concert are tended to at the Formosa Water Park in New Taipei City, Taiwan, Saturday, June 27, 2015.

The three tons of colored starch-based powder bought by the organizers from Tai Won, a seller in the island's southern county of Yunlin, were flammable, said Chou Hui-fang, a representative of the seller. She said the buyer was informed about the risk of fire.

"Whether it's corn starch or flour starch, this kind of stuff, no matter how long it's been around, if it's in dense quantities and if it's hot, it can catch fire," Chou said. She said her 4-year-old company has been questioned by police and health officials but was not considered at fault.

Afghanistan's president orders probe into NATO-led operation

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghanistan has ordered an investigation into an operation Monday involving U.S. forces that destroyed a weapons cache in a volatile region close to the capital, sparking demonstrations that briefly closed a highway.

President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah ordered the investigation into the operation, which caused no casualties or damage but enraged local residents, who said the munitions should have been relocated away from residential areas before being destroyed.

"An investigating delegation has been sent to the area and the Resolute Support commanders have been asked for an explanation," Abdullah's deputy spokesman Javid Faisal said, referring to NATO's mission in Afghanistan.

The NATO mission said U.S. forces had destroyed the munitions to prevent them from being used "to conduct attacks against Afghans and coalition forces."

NATO spokesman U.S. Army Col. Brian Tribus said the operation took place in Charikar, the capital of Parwan province north of Kabul. Parwan police chief Gen. Mohammad Zaman said Afghan troops also took part in the operation, which involved ground and air forces.

Zaman said local residents held a demonstration in Charikar to protest the operation. "They were complaining that if there was a weapons cache that needed destroying it should have been destroyed far away from the residential areas," he said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Indonesian military transport plane crashes in Medan area

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—An Indonesian air force Hercules C-130 plane with 12 crew aboard crashed Tuesday into a residential neighborhood in Medan, the country's third largest city. There was no immediate word of casualties but a local radio station, El Shinta, reported that the plane hit houses. Indonesian television broadcast images from the city of a downed aircraft in flames. Air force spokesman Dwi Badarmanto said the crash occurred not long before midday and just minutes after the plane took off from a Medan airport. A rescue effort was underway, he said. Air force operations commander Agus Dwi Putranto said on local television there were 12 crew members on the plane. The total number of passengers on board was unknown. It is the second time in 10 years that an airplane has crashed into a Medan neighborhood. In September 2005, a Mandala Airlines Boeing 737 crashed shortly after takeoff from Medan's Polonia airport, into a crowded residential community, killing 143 people including 30 on the ground.

Reports: 2 dead after man sets self on fire on Japan train

TOKYO (AP)—A passenger on one of Japan's high-speed bullet trains set himself on fire Tuesday, filling a carriage with smoke, Japanese officials said. National broadcaster NHK said the man and a female passenger were dead. Japan's transport ministry and a fire official said the victims were in a state of "cardiopulmonary arrest," the term used before official confirmation. The passenger apparently poured oil over his head before setting himself on fire, said a transport ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing department policy. Kyodo news service reported that he set himself on fire with a lighter. The train stopped when a passenger pressed an emergency button after finding one of the two victims collapsed on the floor near a restroom in the first car, he said. The other victim was found collapsed in an area between the first and second cars.

Police investigate mob killing of school director in India

PATNA, India (AP)—Police are investigating the mob killing of a school director in northern India after two of the school's students were discovered dead, officials said Monday. The mob attacked the boarding school's director on Sunday after the bodies of two boys aged 10 and 11 were found in a nearby pond, Nalanda district police Superintendent Siddhartha Kumar Jain said. The students had disappeared a day earlier from the school grounds, and villagers accused school staff of killing them and dumping them in the pond. Autopsies later showed the boys had drowned.

World

A year after Gaza war, Hamas entrenched as frustration grows

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Emad Firi is angry. During last summer's Israel-Hamas war, a shell slammed through the roof of his house and shredded his right leg. Unable to work, Firi's son now drives his taxi but the family struggles to survive.

The 50-year-old blames Israel, but also the Islamic militant group Hamas which has ruled Gaza since a violent takeover in 2007. In the Hamas era, the tiny territory has endured three wars with Israel and a crippling Israeli-Egyptian border blockade that keeps most of its 1.8 million residents trapped.

"Who is not angry about this difficult situation?" Firi said, waiting at a rehabilitation clinic to finally to be fitted with an artificial leg.

But the people of Gaza won't rise up—some out of fear, he said. "If I say two words, I may go to prison," he says, as Hamas has little tolerance for dissent and often detains critics. "So we stay silent."

A year after the most destructive war in Gaza yet, Hamas remains in control—despite signs of mounting frustration and a poll indicating half the residents would emigrate if borders were open.

No alternative to Hamas rule has emerged, after deep-seated rivalries between Hamas and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas derailed attempts to set up a unity government in both the West Bank and Gaza.

Hamas can also rely on unwavering support from about one-third of the population, polls indicate.

At the same time, Israel and Egypt have signaled a policy shift, from trying to weaken and perhaps topple Hamas, including by enforcing the blockade over the past eight years, to containing the group.

Egypt's military temporarily opened the border crossing with Gaza in recent days. Thousands left Gaza for the first time in months, while shipments of desperately-needed cement entered the territory. Egypt said it acts according to changing security assessments, while Hamas officials said they were promised a further easing.

Meanwhile, Israel relaxed its stringent movement restrictions for Gaza residents, amid reports that foreign diplomats are carrying messages between Israel and Hamas on a long-term cease-fire deal.

Israeli officials have also struck a new tone. The outgoing top army commander dealing with Gaza, Maj. Gen. Sami Turgeman, has said recently that Israel and Hamas have some shared interests, while leading right-wing Cabinet minister Naftali Bennett said the Hamas presence in Gaza is a reality. It's not a matter of reconciling with it (Hamas rule) or not," he told Israeli TV's Channel 2 over the weekend. "I see that they (Hamas) are there."

Israel and the West have branded Hamas, which is sworn to Israel's destruction, as a terror group.

Salah Bardawil, a Hamas spokesman, said he believes Egypt and Israel have become "more realistic." They "realized that they can't reach their goals by violence and force," he said.

WikiLeaks says NSA spied on French business

PARIS (AP)—WikiLeaks has released documents that it says show that the U.S. National Security Agency eavesdropped on France's top finance officials and high-stakes French export bids over a decade in what the group called targeted economic espionage.

France and the U.S. didn't immediately respond to the release in French publications Mediapart and Liberation on Monday night. The material couldn't be immediately verified, but WikiLeaks has a record of releasing U.S. government documents.

Last week, the group revealed that the NSA spied on the last three French presidents, angering and embarrassing the French government, which summoned the U.S. ambassador for explanation.

The new reports say NSA intercepts between 2004 and 2012 show the agency eavesdropped on two finance ministers and three other senior officials. Other documents show that from 2002-2012, the NSA eavesdropped on all French export bids worth more than $200 million, from oil and gas to telecommunications and biotechnology.

U.S. officials have acknowledged that they collect economic information as part of standard intelligence gathering, but it has been the longstanding U.S. position that the government doesn't conduct economic espionage, which it defines as stealing economic information for the benefit of American companies. It says the French and most other countries do conduct such espionage.

The new reports say that the NSA shared some of the information with U.S. intelligence allies in the so-called Five Eyes program—the U.S., Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

It says the spying targeted information about the French budget, trade policy and French companies' role in the oil-for-food program in Iraq in the 1990s.

The finance ministers targeted were Francois Baroin, who served under then-President Nicolas Sarkozy, and Pierre Moscovici—who is now EU finance commissioner, playing a key role in talks on Greece's future in the eurozone.

Israeli navy peacefully intercepts Gaza-bound vessel

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel's navy intercepted a Swedish vessel attempting to breach a naval blockade of the Gaza Strip early Monday and brought it to an Israeli port, where it said the foreign activists would be questioned before they are sent back to their home countries.

The military said that after exhausting all diplomatic efforts, the government ordered it to block the vessel. Israeli naval forces boarded the Marianne and searched it in international waters without needing to use any force, the military said.

The ship was carrying about 20 activists, including Israeli Arab lawmaker Basel Ghattas and former Tunisian President Moncef Marzouki. Three other ships that were part of the original flotilla reversed course before encountering the Israeli navy.

The Israeli military issued a statement Monday night saying vessel had arrived at the Ashdod port. "The vessel and crew members are now being transferred to the appropriate authorities for immigration and deportation processing," it said.

Interior Ministry spokeswoman Sabine Haddad said it could take a few days to deport them, depending on available flights.

The Freedom Flotilla group posted a photo on Twitter apparently showing a group of its activists onboard a ship.

Petros Stergiou, a member of flotilla's media team in Athens, said the group would continue its acts of protest until the blockade of Gaza was lifted.

"Once again, the Israeli state commits an act of state piracy in the Mediterranean Sea," he said. "The government continues this policy of non-tolerance, which means that it will continue to enforce the collective punishment against the 1.8 million people in Gaza."

Focus

Dangerous men, careful plans and a bold escape for the ages

By JENNIFER PELTZ
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NEW YORK (AP)—It was dawn in the cellblocks of Dannemora, time for a round of bed checks on the convicted killers, rapists and other criminals held behind the stark 19th-century walls. Guards went along the lattice of light-green bars in A Block, where well-behaved prisoners are held.

At first glance, it seemed David Sweat and Richard Matt were where they were supposed to be: asleep in their adjoining cells. But the lumps in their bunks were just sweatshirts.

The convicted cop killer and the career criminal doing time for dismembering his boss had squeezed through holes neatly cut in the steel wall behind their beds, penetrated a brick wall and a steam pipe, and emerged from a manhole outside the Clinton Correctional Facility's 40-foot wall.

"Have a nice day!" they smirked in a note left along the way.

It would be the last authorities would hear from them for three weeks, until officers found and killed Matt on Friday in the woods near the Canadian border, about 30 miles from the prison, and captured Sweat nearby on Sunday.

The June 6 escape spotlighted apparent security lapses in a prison where the complex plan may have been rehearsed for weeks and the breakout went undetected for as long as six hours.

It also bared a culture of surprising liberties and personal relationships in a maximum-security prison where two convicted murderers—one with a history of escaping—were in privileged "honor" housing. A guard acknowledged giving one of them tools and access to an off-limits area in exchange for not only prison intelligence but also paintings. And an instructor stands accused of helping the two escape after hatching a plot to kill her husband.

"What's extraordinary is: This is not how you should run prisons," said Terry Pelz, a former Texas prison warden who teaches criminal justice at the University of Houston Downtown. While New York officials investigate what went wrong, at prisons nationwide, "you can rest assured that everybody's looking at their own procedures and reminding officers of what their job is."

If it was stunning that Matt and Sweat got out of one of the state's highest-security prisons, it was no surprise that they were in it.

Sweat, who turned 35 eight days after the escape, had been in and out of prison since age 17. Growing up across the state in Binghamton, he had a childhood of behavioral problems, foster care and group homes.

On July 4, 2002, Sweat and a cousin were moving stolen guns from a stolen pickup truck to their car when Broome County Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Tarsia came across them in a Binghamton-area park. They shot him 15 times and ran him over, authorities said. Caught in the woods five days later, Sweat pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison.

Matt's record of crime and flight goes back to 1986, when he was convicted of possessing a forged document and escaped from a jail in Buffalo. After his capture came more convictions, prison stints and parole violations.

He had been free for less than eight months when in 1997 he kidnapped, tortured and killed a Buffalo-area food broker a few weeks after being fired from a warehouse job, authorities said. He kept 76-year-old William Rickerson in a car trunk for 27 hours, broke the man's fingers, snapped his neck with bare hands and cut up his body with a hacksaw, according to testimony.

He dodged arrest by fleeing to Mexico, where he soon killed a man outside a bar in the border town of Matamoros, authorities said. After nine years behind bars in Mexico, he was returned to New York, convicted of killing Rickerson and sentenced to 25 years to life.

Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, TNS

A photo of Matt in his early 20s is at once flirtatious and challenging, a cigarette dangling from his mouth and a taunting glint in his deep-set eyes, a confident expression that lingers in his most recent prison mug shot. Matt had the magnetism of "a fun but dangerous guy to hang around with," Matthew Pynn, one of his lawyers, once said.

Those qualities, perhaps, help explain the escape in Dannemora.

While Matt and Sweat counted their final hours to freedom, prison tailor-shop instructor Joyce Mitchell was heading to a hospital with chest pains driven by a panic attack.

She was leaving the hospital when she learned that Matt and Sweat were on the loose and that state police were looking for her and her husband, Lyle, a fellow industrial instructor at the prison.

"They really escaped," she gasped, as he recalled it. She seemed shocked, but her husband didn't yet fully understand why.

She had worked at least five years in a $57,700-a-year job overseeing Matt, Sweat and other inmates in the tailor shop. At 51, she had a seemingly stable life: a 14-year marriage, adult children, even three terms as tax collector in her town near Dannemora. A full-figured blonde, she had a giddy side but was "not somebody who's off the wall," as neighbor Sharon Currier described her.

Yet Mitchell had slipped chisels, a screwdriver bit and hacksaw blades to Matt and Sweat, with the blades concealed in frozen hamburger meat, according to prosecutors. The plan: She would serve as their getaway driver, the murderers would kill her husband and the three would run away to Mexico, a prosecutor and the governor said. Mitchell has pleaded not guilty to prison-contraband and criminal facilitation charges.

"How can it happen?" Lyle Mitchell asked his wife, he later told NBC's "Today" show.

She explained that she had been unsure of his love and flattered by attention from Matt, who had tried to kiss her a few times, Lyle Mitchell said. But he said her fondness turned into fear when she told Matt she'd changed her mind about being their driver and he threatened to have her husband killed.

"I got over my head, and I was scared," she said, according to her husband.

Even by prison standards, 170-year-old Clinton Correctional is a hard place.

It's called "Little Siberia" because of its isolated setting with an average of 155 freezing days a year. Almost 90 percent of the nearly 3,000 inmates have been convicted of at least one violent felony, compared with 63 percent statewide. A nonprofit prison inspection group report last year depicted a cauldron of violence, with guards beating inmates and prisoners fighting one another.

Yet it is also a prison where good behavior can get an inmate his own tiny plot of land to garden and barbecue on—and a cell on the "honor block," where Matt and Sweat had spent the past five years or so.

They had access to a kitchen where they could cook their own meals—when not using jerry-rigged hot plates in their cells—plus more out-of-cell time than average and what were considered prime jobs in the tailor shop, former inmates say. The job, they say, entailed moving through the facility with a guard as escort.

"Everybody's got their hustle in prison, and sometimes that includes getting things from your work and selling it in the yard," said Ricky Jones, who was in Clinton on a 14-year manslaughter conviction. "You can get some creature comforts that way, but for the real high-end stuff, you need cooperation from the guards."

Matt and Sweat got cooperation from veteran guard Gene Palmer that crossed the line into crime, prosecutors said.

After 27 years, Palmer's $72,600-a-year job is so ingrained in his life that he plays in a local rock band called Just Us—apparently a play on the word "justice."

The day of the breakout, Palmer told a neighbor to lock her doors, warning that the escapees were bad men. Yet he had developed so close a rapport with them that Matt gave him paintings and information on inmate wrongdoing.

Palmer, in turn, gave Matt art supplies, then pliers, a screwdriver and another questionable favor: access to a catwalk so Sweat could adjust electrical boxes to enhance inmates' cooking in their cells, Palmer said. The catwalk would be part of the escape route, and it led Matt and Sweat to tunnels where they found a contractor's toolbox and mined it for some of the tools they used to escape, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.

Finally, on May 30, Palmer brought Mitchell's blade-laden ground beef to Matt—unaware, the 57-year-old guard said, of the hidden hacksaw parts. He plans to plead not guilty to prison contraband and other charges.

"I did not realize at the time" what the inmates had in mind, he said.

Their plan was to flee to Mexico in Mitchell's car, Cuomo said. But when she didn't show up, the escapees headed for Canada on foot.

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Good Housekeeping

Living Smart: Should I install a driveway alarm?

By PAUL POGUE
ANGIE'S LIST

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Driveway alarms come in both wired and wireless models.

Just like a security light attached to a motion sensor, a driveway alarm uses a wired or wireless sensor to inform you when someone's walked or driven onto your driveway.

A few of our experts weigh in on different driveway alert systems and the pros and cons of wired and wireless alarm options.

WHAT IS A DRIVEWAY ALARM SYSTEM?

"They're mounted on a post in your driveway, and it sets off a chime inside your house whenever something moves in front of the sensor," says Randy Reed, owner of Reed Brothers Security in Oakland, Calif. "You'll know if someone is walking or driving down your driveway. It comes in handy if you're waiting on a package delivery or the postman."

Joe Fabrizio, owner of JFab Design in Worcester, Pa., says driveway alerts come in two basic types: easily installed wireless sensors and more complex wired systems with lines buried in the yard.

HOW MUCH DO DRIVEWAY ALARMS COST?

For a good wireless alert system from a trusted manufacturer such as Optex, Reed says to be prepared to pay a few hundred dollars. "You can buy a knockoff system for cheaper than that, but if you buy generic, you'll be paying for it in decreased quality," he says.

A wired system from a manufacturer such as Cartell can cost up to a few thousand dollars, according to Fabrizio, because it involves more parts, professional expertise and running one or more lines across your yard.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF A BURIED SYSTEM OVER A WIRELESS ALARM?

Although it's more expensive, Fabrizio says a buried system offers much more flexibility.

"It's more robust and can do a lot more than just set off a chime," he says. "You can wire it into a home automation system and program it to do specific things at specific times. You might have certain lights turn on for a certain period of time as a car comes through, so you're not pulling up to a dark house.

"I just wired a house so that all the speakers set off a sound when a car comes through, but they only do it during the day, so you don't get the loud sound at night," Fabrizio adds.

He says buried systems can also communicate with mobile devices. For instance, you can receive a text message whenever a car comes into your driveway.

A buried system also offers more precision, since it measures the size of whatever's passing by it and only sets off for something larger, such as a car. A wireless sensor usually uses a beam of light and sets off whenever something breaks the beam.

"It's just there to tell you something moved out front," Reed says. "A dog or bird can set it off as easily as a car."

SHOULD YOU DO IT YOURSELF?

Reed says homeowners can install a wireless alarm system themselves without much trouble.

"You plug in one box in an outlet inside, and the other box on a post outside," he says. "You just need to make sure you don't place it so far that the signal can't reach inside your house. You'll get the best range if there's a direct line of sight with as few obstructions as possible between the two units. The average range is about 200 feet."

Fabrizio says homeowners should leave wired systems to the professionals, since it involves burying electrical lines and connecting to the house's physical wiring.

DANGEROUS

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As days stretched into weeks, searchers in the remote North Country deployed bloodhounds and helicopters, checked houses and car trunks, and slogged through swamps and thick underbrush. Some schools closed for a time.

On Friday, June 26, they were combing their latest hotspot, the forests around Malone, a few miles from the Canadian border. It had been raining on and off for days, and the dampness made the seasonally cool nights feel downright cold.

It was the 21st day of a grueling manhunt that had involved as many as 800 officers at a time. Authorities checked out more than 2,400 leads that hopscotched from northern to southern New York, to Vermont and Philadelphia, where a cab driver mistakenly thought he had picked up the two men.

Secluded hunting cabins dot the woods around Malone, where most full-time residents are prison officers, joined seasonally by hunters.

Malone's 14,000 residents were told to lock doors, not a common practice in the town.

The past few days had turned up tantalizing clues: a broken-into cabin with evidence of Matt's presence, candy wrappers at a camp where someone had apparently rested, an opened bottle of grape-flavored gin at an empty hunting cabin.

Pepper shakers at one camp revealed Sweat's DNA, leading authorities to theorize the escapees used the spice to mask their scent from tracking dogs.

Then, a driver towing a camper heard a loud noise and thought a tire had blown. Eight miles down the road, the driver found a bullet hole in the trailer.

A tactical team raced to the scene of the shot, smelled gunpowder in a nearby cabin and saw evidence that someone had fled out the back door.

A flash of movement and a noise, possibly a cough, did Matt in. A command to raise his hands went unheeded. He never got a chance to fire his 20-gauge shotgun before three bullets to the head killed him, authorities said. He had turned 49 the day before.

His feet were blistered, authorities said. But overall, a coroner said Matt was clean, well-fed and dressed for the elements.

With no clear fix on Sweat, the manhunt moved on.

On Sunday, Day 23 of the manhunt, state police Sgt. Jay Cook was alone around 3:20 p.m. when he spotted Sweat walking down a road in the town of Constable, about 6 miles north of Malone and 1 1/2 miles from the Canadian border. Sweat cut toward a line of trees and refused commands to stop, authorities said.

Cook took aim and hit Sweat twice in the torso.

A photo captured him wearing a hooded parka and camouflage pants, smears of blood on his face. He had a bag of supplies for life on the run in the wilderness: maps, tools, bug repellent and Pop Tarts, Cuomo said.

Sweat coughed up blood en route to a Malone hospital, where he was in serious condition Monday.

He told authorities and Matt had split up about five days earlier, when Sweat decided the older man with his blistered feet was slowing him down, Cuomo said.

As authorities continue to interview Sweat, they might hear more details about an escape that Cuomo said sounded like "'Cool Hand Luke' meets `Shawshank Redemption.'"

For now, police and residents are just glad it's over.

"I feel like I can sleep tonight," Cathy Leffler said outside the hospital where Sweat was taken. "Life can go back to normal."

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Jesus Masga Hocog

May 06, 1945 – June 25, 2015

In His New life, He now joins his:

Parents: †Jose H. Hocog, †Monica Gogue Masga
Parents In Law: †Jesus Palacios Indalecio, †Jose Palacios Babauta, †Maria Atalig Fujihira Babauta
Son: †Raymond F. Hocog
Brothers: †Jose M. Hocog, †Florencio M. Hocog, †Antonio M. Hocog, †Gregorio M. Hocog
Brothers/Sisters In Law: †Francisca Cing Hocog, †Consolacion Hocog, †Emerteria F. & Arturo Baladad, †Justina H. Babauta, †Jose Atalig Fujihira, †Maria Mina B. & Henry A. Taga, †Jose A. Ayuyu, †Edwardo F. Babauta

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Maria Atalig Fujihira Hocog
Children and Families:
Norma A. Fujihira / Vincent P. Sablan and Children
Brenda F. / Jakir Hossain and Children
Tina A. Fujihira / Joseph A. Arriola and Children
Monica A. Fujihira / Anthony V. Castro and Children
Jessie F. Hocog
Lillian H. / Chuji Rios
Franky F. Hocog / Veronica C. Songao and Children
Jessica H. / Joseph D. Pangelinan and Children
Sisters & Spouses:
Maria H. / Thomas Ramangmou and Children
Rufina H. / Wayne Darbro

Reared Son: John Paul B. Lizama
Brother & Sister In Law:
Rosa T. Hocog and Children
Angel A. / Maria T. Fujihira and Children
Marina Fujihira
Vicente F. Babauta
Ana B. / Albert P. Lizama and Children
Francisco F. Babauta and Children
Barbara C. Babauta and Children
Nieves F. Babauta and Children
Alejo F. / Virginia Babauta and Children
Carmen B. / Anthony Atalig and Children

He will also be missed by his numerous, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intentions are being celebrated at San Antonio Church at 6:00pm followed by Holy Rosary.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 03, 2015. He will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30 am to San Antonio Church. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:15am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am. Burial will follow at Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Please join us in prayers,

Maria Fujihira Hocog, Children and Family

Life & Style

REVIEW:

Arnold (but little else) is back in 'Terminator'

By JAKE COYLE
AP FILM WRITER

Thirty-one years and counting, and the Terminators keep rolling off the assembly line like new iPhones, upgraded with shape-shifting abilities, rebooted Sarah Conner assassination levels and, one presumes, better selfie cameras.

"Terminator Genisys," directed by Alan Taylor ("Thor: The Dark World"), is the fifth entry in the series begun by James Cameron and a naked money grab aimed at rejuvenating a flagging franchise. The three-plus decades of "Terminator" have spread across the relentless march of technology and the Internet, but the movies are curiously stuck between their pre-digital 1980s origins and a dystopian vision of machines' rule over the planet.

However many Terminators are unveiled, the mechanical heart and soul of the series will always be Arnold Schwarzenegger's T-800. He's the android version of earlier, cast-aside operating systems: a Game Boy with a gun. "I'm old, not obsolete," he says in "Genisys."

And that, surprisingly, is the case. Schwarzenegger's return to his most iconic role (he was absent in the forgettable 2009 entry "Terminator Salvation" while governor) provides much of the appeal of this otherwise purposeless redo.

Not only does his leather jacket-clad hulk continually best newer, better Terminators, in "Genisys" the 67-year-old successfully wrestles a synthetic version of his younger, body-building self. Aging is a hard fact of life, even for the machines sent from the future to kill us.

Five films in, "Genisys" works very hard to explain its existence. Screenwriters Laeta Kalogridis and Patrick Lussier begin in 2029, long after Skynet robots destroyed most of humanity in Judgment Day. John Conner (Jason Clarke) is leading a promising if grim revolution when the fight begins hopping through time.

To rescue John's mother, Sarah Conner, John sends his loyal soldier Kyle Reese (Jai Courtney) to 1984. But the machines are aware of the plot, and after Reese lands with a thud in a Los Angeles back alley, the familiar T-1000 of "Terminator 2" (he of liquid metal, played here by Byung-hun Lee) is just around the corner.

Sarah (Emilia Clarke) is more the one doing the rescuing, though. With Schwarzenegger's Terminator in tow ("Pops" she calls her longtime cyborg protector), she informs Reese of a very different mission than the one he was expecting.

An alternate timeline, caused by the crisscrossing time travel, is offered up for why many of the events of previous "Terminator" films—often in the same locations, with the same catch phrases—are repeated. It makes for a cautionary tale: Hand reboot-crazy Hollywood a plot device like a time machine and the most advisable course of action is to run for cover.

The movies may be acquiring another potentially dangerous tool: the means to clone. "Terminator Genisys" may well be most remembered for the digital cameo of a young Schwarzenegger. Granted, monosyllabic blocks of wood are likely easier to photocopy than other actors. But the digital rendering is nevertheless impressive.

Sarah, Reese and the T-800 travel ahead to 2017 to prevent Judgment Day, postponed (through a great deal of illogical, belabored description) from its original 1997 date. The film tries to claw its way into the present, and, hopefully, into a future trilogy.

Box Office Top 20: 'Jurassic,' 'Inside Out' top 'Ted 2'

AP

In this image released by Universal Pictures, the character Ted, voiced by Seth MacFarlane, left, and Mark Wahlberg appear in a scene from the film, "Ted 2.

LOS ANGELES (AP) —"Inside Out" and "Jurassic World" are still drawing significant audiences to theaters even in their second and third weekends at the multiplex, leaving little room for newer fare like "Ted 2."

The dinosaurs of "Jurassic World" continued to dominate with a $54.5 million weekend, pushing its domestic total to over $500 million. Disney's and Pixar's "Inside Out" came in a close second with $52.3 million.

The intense competition might have affected the opening of Seth MacFarlane's "Ted 2." The raunchy sequel brought in a decent $33.5 million, but that number was significantly under the $45 to $50 million expectations—not to mention the first film's $54.4 million debut in 2012.

Warner Bros. military dog drama "Max," meanwhile, earned an expected $12.2 million.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Rentrak:

1. **"Jurassic World,"** Universal, $54,532,615, 4,198 locations, $12,990 average, $500,373,420, 3 weeks.
2. **"Inside Out,"** Disney, $52,323,354, 4,132 locations, $12,663 average, $185,140,364, 2 weeks.
3. **"Ted 2,"** Universal, $33,507,870, 3,442 locations, $9,735 average, $33,507,870, 1 week.
4. **"Max,"** Warner Bros., $12,155,254, 2,855 locations, $4,258 average, $12,155,254, 1 week.
5. **"Spy,"** 20th Century Fox, $7,911,786, 3,194 locations, $2,477 average, $88,462,290, 4 weeks.
6. **"San Andreas,"** Warner Bros., $5,402,416, 2,620 locations, $2,062 average, $141,997,929, 5 weeks.
7. **"Dope,"** Open Road, $2,782,840, 1,851 locations, $1,503 average, $11,697,218, 2 weeks.
8. **"Insidious Chapter 3,"** Focus Features, $2,004,222, 1,612 locations, $1,243 average, $49,795,400, 4 weeks.
9. **"Mad Max: Fury Road,"** Warner Bros., $1,764,436, 961 locations, $1,836 average, $147,107,258, 7 weeks.
10. **"Avengers: Age Of Ultron,"** Disney, $1,688,938, 1,097 locations, $1,540 average, $452,474,193, 9 weeks.
11. **"Pitch Perfect 2,"** Universal, $1,464,180, 1,061 locations, $1,380 average, $181,057,940, 7 weeks.
12. **"Love & Mercy,"** Roadside Attractions, $1,272,491, 728 locations, $1,748 average, $9,255,698, 4 weeks.
13. **"Tomorrowland,"** Disney, $1,051,966, 714 locations, $1,473 average, $90,164,982, 6 weeks.
14. **"Me And Earl And The Dying Girl,"** Fox Searchlight, $992,439, 354 locations, $2,804 average, $1,856,490, 3 weeks.
15. **"Entourage,"** Warner Bros., $808,157, 544 locations, $1,486 average, $31,386,676, 4 weeks.
16. **"I'll See You In My Dreams,"** Bleecker Street, $609,698, 290 locations, $2,102 average, $5,030,850, 7 weeks.
17. **"Home,"** 20th Century Fox, $399,315, 275 locations, $1,452 average, $174,744,026, 14 weeks.
18. **"Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2,"** Sony, $318,020, 236 locations, $1,348 average, $69,832,200, 11 week.
19. **"Cinderella,"** Disney, $261,264, 235 locations, $1,112 average, $200,286,777, 16 weeks.
20. **"Aloha,"** Sony, $197,063, 240 locations, $821 average, $20,482,456, 5 weeks.

Pre-Civil War baseball team card going on the auction block

NEW YORK (AP)—For decades, a circa 1860s Brooklyn Atlantics team baseball card was tucked away, first inside a secret drawer of a bedroom set and then between the pages of a photo album.

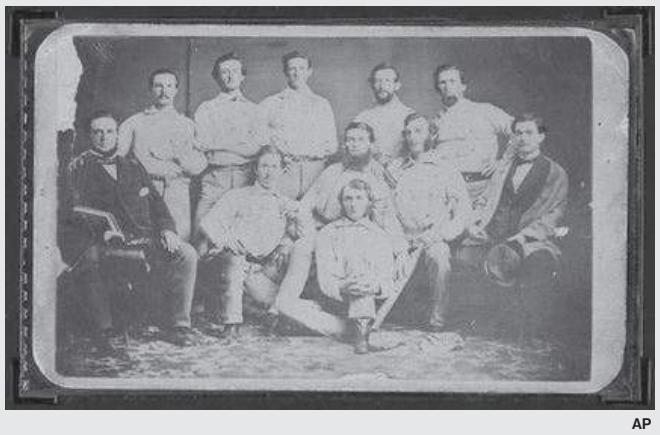
Now the pre-Civil War card that's been in the same family for over 150 years is going on the auction block where it could bring as much as $50,000.

Heritage Auctions is offering it on July 30 at its Platinum Night Sports Auction in Chicago held in conjunction with the 2015 National Sports Collectors Convention. Online bidding opened on Tuesday.

Florence Sasso, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, knew little about the card that shows her great-great-uncle Archibald McMahon, an outfielder for the squad, pictured with eight of his teammates in bib-style shirts and two gentlemen in suits.

"My mother gave it to me about 25 years ago," the 75-year-old Brooklyn native said. "We had my grandfather's bedroom set which had secret drawers and she kept it there inside a Fanny Farmer chocolate candy box. She gave it to me because no one else wanted it."

Sasso placed it in a photo album and then refiled it in a "McMahon folder" after coming across it one day. But it wasn't until she began taking free genealogy classes at a local senior center that she looked for it to show a volunteer there who "knew about baseball."



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This June 30, 2015 photo provided by Heritage Auctions shows the front of a circa 1860 Brooklyn Atlantics baseball card.

NBC to Donald Trump: You're fired; Televisa drops pageant

NEW YORK (AP)—NBC said Monday that it is ending its business relationship with mogul and GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump because of comments he made about Mexican immigrants during the announcement of his campaign.

The network said it would no longer air the annual Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants, which had been a joint venture between the company and Trump. Miss USA has aired on NBC since 2003, and this year's edition was set for July 12.

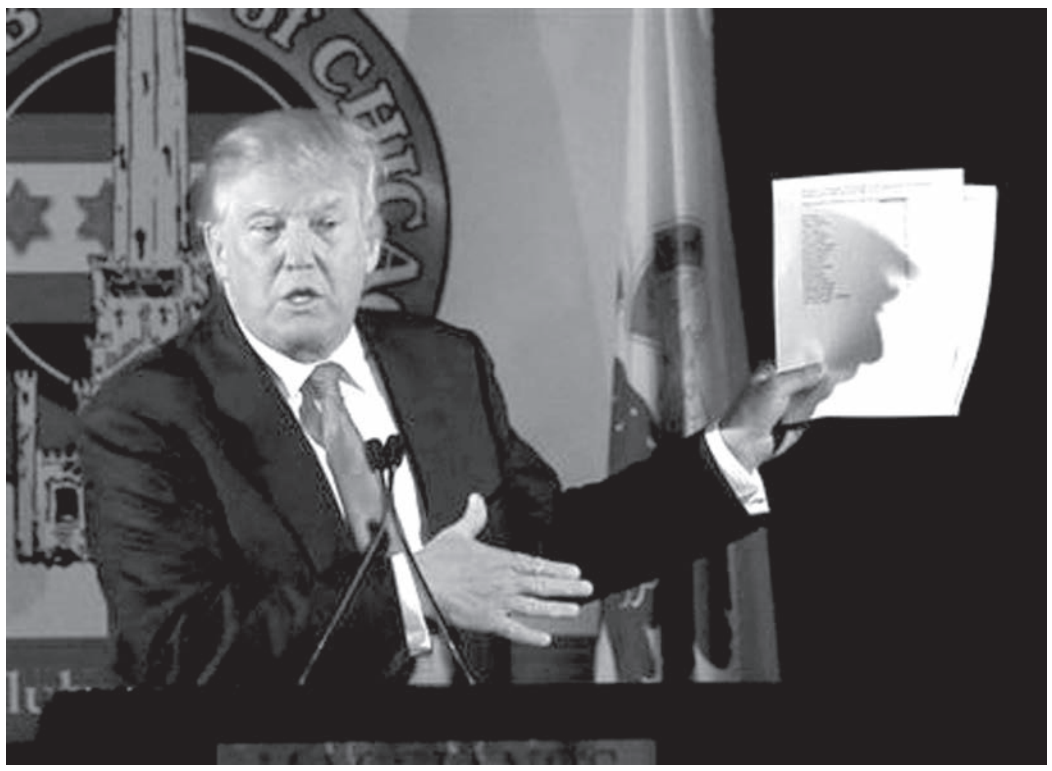
"At NBC, respect and dignity for all people are cornerstones of our values," NBC said in a statement.

Trump's reply: a "weak" NBC should prepare to meet him in court.

Late Monday, Mexican media giant Televisa said it will no longer air the Miss Universe pageant and won't do business with Trump on any other communication project.

Televisa, one of the largest TV groups in the hemisphere, said in a statement that Trump's "disrespectful" remarks offended the entire Mexican population. The company said it "strongly rejects all forms of discrimination, racism and xenophobia."

A representative for Trump did not immediately respond to a request for comment.



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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump casts a shadow against papers he used while speaking to members of the City Club of Chicago, Monday, June 29, 2015, in Chicago.

NBC's action comes less than a week after Univision similarly decided to ditch Trump and the pageants. Trump has also been a fixture on NBC as host of "The Apprentice" and its celebrity offshoot, and an agreement that he would no longer be on the show predated the current controversy. The network said Monday that it and producer Mark Burnett are exploring ways to continue "Celebrity Apprentice" sans Trump.

Trump said he anticipated losing the business relationship and that he's not apologizing for his statements because they "were correct."

"Whatever they want to do is OK with me," Trump told reporters in Chicago after a campaign speech before the City Club of Chicago, which is comprised of civic and community leaders.

But in a statement issued by his company in New York, Trump said "NBC is weak, and like everybody else is trying to be politically correct. That is why our country is in serious trouble."

He said he'd consider suing, as he plans to do with Univision. He also took a shot at NBC's decision to demote, but not fire, news anchor Brian Williams for telling false stories about some of the reporting he was involved in.

"They will stand behind lying Brian Williams, but won't stand behind people that tell it like it is, as unpleasant as that may be," he said.

During his presidential kickoff speech, Trump said Mexican immigrants are "bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists and some, I assume, are good people." He called for building a wall along the southern border of the United States. Trump later said that his remarks were directed at U.S. policymakers, not the Mexican government or its people.

The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, a group of 39 Latino advocacy organizations, had called on NBC to get out of business with Trump. Similarly, a petition urging the same thing on the Change.org website had gathered more than 218,000 signatures.

In a sense, NBC's hand was forced by Univision's decision. NBC's parent company, NBC Universal, owns Telemundo, the chief competitor to Univision among Spanish-language networks in the United States. Telemundo lost the contract to air Miss USA and Miss Universe to Univision.

Rapper 'The Game' charged with hitting off-duty officer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The rapper known as "The Game" has been charged with hitting an off-duty Los Angeles police officer during a basketball game.

The hip-hop artist, whose real name is Jayceon Terrell Taylor, was charged with one felony count of making criminal threats and one count of misdemeanor assault and battery.

He pleaded not guilty during a court appearance Monday.

Prosecutors say Taylor and the officer played on opposite teams at a basketball game at Hollywood High School in March. After a foul call against Taylor, authorities say he approached the officer and threw a punch.

Taylor faces up to three years in prison if convicted. He is free on $50,000 bail and is due back in court July 30.

AP

This Nov. 29, 2013 file photo shows, Jayceon Terrell Taylor aka The Game, at his Private Black Friday Birthday Dinner at Philippe in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Diddy's son Quincy calls father's arrest a 'hiccup'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Diddy's son Quincy Brown has dismissed his father's recent arrest as a "hiccup."

Brown walked the red carpet of the BET Awards with Diddy's three young daughters.

He brushed aside questions about Diddy's arrest last week. The music mogul, whose real name is Sean Combs, faces assault charges for an alleged attack involving a weight-room kettlebell at the athletic facilities of the University of California at Los Angeles, where Diddy's other son Justin plays football.

"Hiccups happen in life. You push that to the side. You worry about that later," Brown told The Associated Press. "That's why we here right now just enjoying the BET Awards. We come every year. We're supporting the family, supporting my dad. And my dad's got a big performance this year."

AP

In this Feb. 5, 2015 file photo, Quincy Brown, son of Sean "Diddy" Combs," attends The Levi's Pre-Grammy Party with Snoop Dogg at The Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles.

Diddy led a reunion of original Bad Boy musicians including Faith Evans, the Lox and Ma$e at the show. He also debuted a new song with Pharrell, "Finna Get Loose."

"This is a big moment," Brown said. "This is like a family reunion for Bad Boy. ... Bad Boy is still here. We ain't never went nowhere. Can't stop, won't stop."

The performance was a huge crowd pleaser, but it didn't go all smoothly: Diddy fell through an open trap door on stage while performing.

Boyfriend's teen escapade should be regarded as past

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend for a little over two years. He recently mentioned that when he was younger (19), he had a threesome (two guys, one girl).

We are both over 35, so I realize this happened many years ago, but the fact that it was two guys is hard for me. I can't seem to get it out of my head. I keep seeing the images.

I try to tell myself my boyfriend is a different man today than the teen he was. I don't understand why it's bothering me so much. How can I find a way to get past this? Please give me some direction.

CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD

DEAR CAN'T: I respect your boyfriend's honesty and openness. Because you can't get this out of your head, talk further with him about his youthful escapade. If your concern is that your boyfriend is interested in having sex with other men, ask him that question. It occurs to me that when two horny teenage boys found one willing girl, that they may not have been as interested in having sex with each other as they were with her.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a tattooed female in my late 20s. When I started a job as a cook in an assisted-living facility a year ago, I was required to go through an orientation and the dress code was explained. When I asked about visible tattoos, the lady who ran the orientation was unsure if they were allowed to show and told me to ask my manager. My manager said she didn't know, but suggested I cover them anyway "just to be safe."

Since then, I have worn long-sleeved polo shirts with the sleeves rolled up. No one has commented about the sleeves. Since I went through that orientation, two girls have been hired who have ink on their arms. They wear short sleeves every day.

I'm wondering if I should just show up in short sleeves and risk someone saying something, email corporate and ask what the policy is, or ask our new executive director? Any thoughts?

TO COVER OR NOT TO COVER

DEAR T.C.O.N.T.C.: While displaying your tats may not be a problem considering that two other employees are showing theirs, your new executive director should be able to give you a definite answer to your question. And while you're at it, suggest that because there are now three employees with tattoos, the policy should be clearly stated in the employee handbook, which may be due for an update.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Brett," mistakenly used the dog's toothbrush from the bathroom cabinet. I had it in there with a bowl of homemade doggie toothpaste that I was trying on the dog. I didn't realize it until just now. Should I tell him?

QUIET SO FAR IN VERMONT

DEAR QUIET SO FAR: If I were you, I'd open my mouth and "SPEAK!" before your husband does it again. If he's grossed out, it will be no more so than the rest of us who read your letter. From now on, keep Rover's toothbrush in a different location.

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Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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WHERE DID YOU GO TO COLLEGE?
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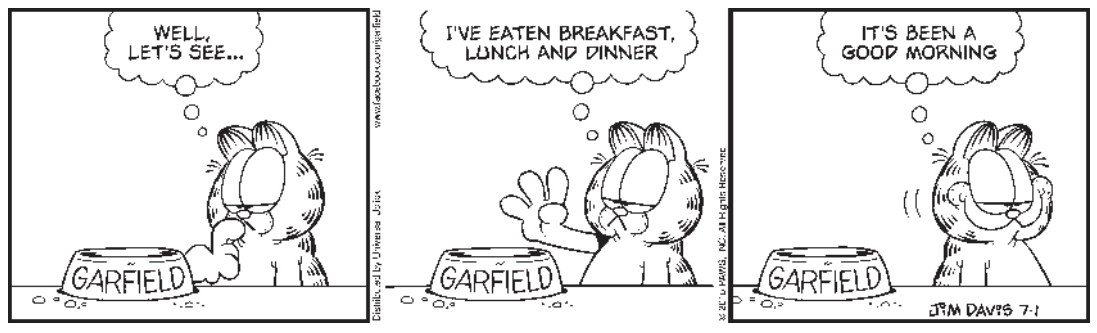

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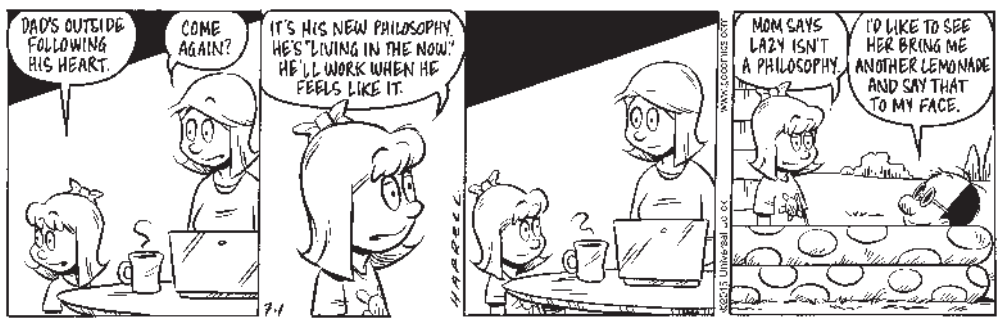
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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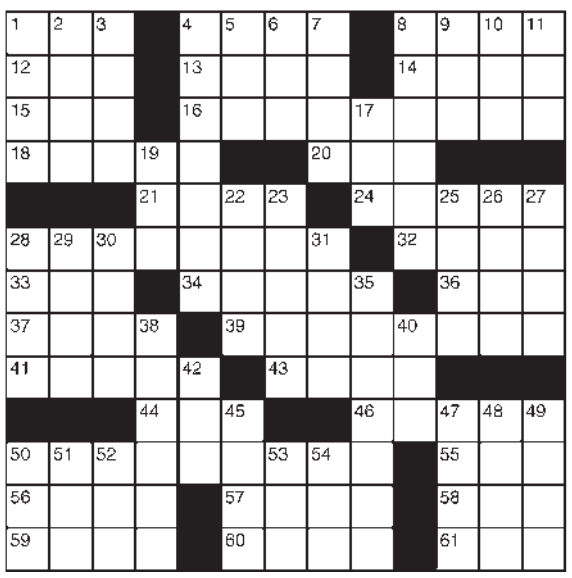

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Liv Tyler, 38; Missy Elliott, 44; Pamela Anderson, 48; Dan Aykroyd, 63.

Happy Birthday: Play the game of life with honesty and integrity. You will rise to the top and be honored for your efforts if you play fairly with others. Sitting back and doing nothing to make a difference will be your biggest regret, so stand tall and be the one to make the first move. Your numbers are 4, 9, 15, 24, 26, 38, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Make changes to your looks, where you live or the activities or events you pursue. Don't let minor incidents at home lead to an argument you'll regret. Don't put demands on others or put up with people meddling in your affairs. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Interact with people who you can learn from. Participate in events that enlighten you or bring you in touch with new possibilities. Ask questions and offer your thoughts, but don't make donations or promises that are costly. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Build momentum and accomplish the projects that will add to your comfort and your confidence. Put extra effort into finishing what you start and following through with any promises you make. Expand, explore and live in the moment. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't get involved with people or organizations that demonstrate indiscretion or unpredictability. Gravitate toward the people and the projects you know you can count on. Getting upset will not help you move forward or solve problems with co-workers. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Aim to improve your health, emotional well-being and your appearance. Don't limit what you can do because you haven't updated your skills or are living in the past. Being current in every aspect of life will help you get ahead. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Flex your muscles if it will help you get your way. Putting in extra time and effort at work will not be wasted. Your efforts will lead to a position that will allow you to use your skills fully. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Unsettling changes at home will lead to an altercation with someone who is meddling in your affairs. Don't let anyone come between you and the people you want to spend more time with. Put the ones you love first. ✪✪

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Wade elects to become free agent, may leave Heat

MIAMI (AP)—The relationship between Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat is about to be tested like never before, and the most accomplished player in franchise history may soon have a new home.

Wade will become a free agent Wednesday, electing to pass on a $16.1 million option for next season and see what he's worth on the open market. His decision was announced Monday afternoon by a spokesperson in a 61-word press release, after both Wade and his agent Henry Thomas did not respond to requests for comment.

Wade played for all three of Miami's NBA championship teams. He's been an All-Star in 11 of his 12 seasons, and is Miami's all-time leader in plenty of categories including games, points, assists and steals.

"We want Dwyane back," Heat President Pat Riley said last week. "There's no doubt about that."

There's doubt it will happen.

As is usually the case, it will come down to money. Wade has left about $27 million on the table during his career and wants those sacrifices rewarded in his next contract. But he's missed 25 percent of Miami's regular-season games over the last four seasons and that, combined with him turning 34 next season, likely is weighing heavily on how much the Heat want to offer.

He averaged 21.5 points this past season, 11th-best in the NBA and third-best in the Eastern Conference. His points-per-48-minutes of 32.4 ranked relatively close to elite scorers like Stephen Curry (34.9), LeBron James (33.6) and Carmelo Anthony (32.5). The Heat wound up missing the playoffs at 37-45, in large part because Chris Bosh missed half the season after a blood clot was found in one of his lungs.

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In this Jan. 4, 2015, file photo, Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) shoots in front of Brooklyn Nets center Mason Plumlee (1) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Miami. Wade announced Monday, June 29, 2015, that he will elect to become a free agent.

"Obviously, our team went through a lot of bizarre stuff throughout this year but I thought individually, what I was able to do in 30, 31 minutes, I thought I was as efficient as I could be," Wade said in an interview with The Associated Press when the season ended. "I always think I can do better, but what I was able to accomplish ... I thought was pretty good individually."

Monday was a hectic day for the Heat.

The morning had Justise Winslow, the No. 10 overall draft pick out of Duke, arrive for his introductory news conference where he was flanked by Riley and Heat coach Erik Spoelstra, who both raved about Winslow's maturity. Hours later, small forward Luol Deng announced through agent Herb Rudoy that he will exercise his option to play for Miami next season in a $10.1 million deal.

"Good things happen for a reason," Riley said.

The next move belonged to Wade, who is headed to free agency again. ESPN was first informed of his decision.

Wade strongly considered an offer from Chicago in 2010 and is likely to get interest this time from the Los Angeles Lakers (he and his wife Gabrielle Union have a home there), the New York Knicks (he spends plenty of time in that city) and other clubs.

Miami plans to be first in line to make its free-agent case, when the windows open at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday. It's unclear if they will speak to Wade directly or just his representatives, if such a meeting occurs.

All this comes with risks for both Wade and the Heat.

On one hand, Wade might not find anyone willing to pay as much in the short term as Miami would have this season. On the other, the Heat could lose the face of their franchise, their all-time scoring leader and someone revered in the Miami market.

Wade told the AP after the season that he wants to stay in Miami, and even was photographed wearing a Heat cap in recent days at his fantasy camp. But it's also clear that he wants to still be paid like an elite player, and that could force the Heat into making a tough decision.

Bosh received a $118 million, five-year deal last summer. Point guard Goran Dragic is expected to stay with the Heat, but his free-agent deal could be another five-year commitment in the range of $90 million. Center Hassan Whiteside is expected to command big money in the summer of 2016 when megastars Kevin Durant and Anthony Davis could be free agents.

Serena' Wimbledon starts slow; Venus wins

LONDON (AP)—As has become customary for Serena Williams of late, she got off to a rocky start.

In her first-round match at Wimbledon on Monday, Williams dropped three of the first four games. She slipped and nearly did the splits, tumbling to the turf. She was warned for using foul language.

And, as has also become customary for Williams, she wound up with a victory.

The No. 1-seeded Williams extended her pursuit of a fourth consecutive major title and her bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam, too, by taking 11 of the last 13 games to beat 113th-ranked qualifier Margarita Gasparyan 6-4, 6-1. Williams has won her past 22 Grand Slam matches.

"There are a lot of expectations on her shoulders at the moment," said Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "It took her maybe six games to get going. At 3-all, she started to relax and play. And then there was no match."

Gasparyan came in 0-3 in tour-level matches and was making her Wimbledon main-draw debut.

"When I (saw) her before match," Gasparyan said, "I thought, `Oh, my God. I'm playing Serena.'"

Yet the 20-year-old Russian played unafraid at the outset, and her one-handed backhand withstood Williams' power for about a half-hour. Then, Gasparyan explained, Williams began playing "unbelievable," taking five straight games and 22 of 29 points in one stretch.

It was, otherwise, a mostly routine Day 1 for the biggest names on the schedule. Defending champion Novak Djokovic - and the player he lost to in the French Open final this month, No. 4 Stan Wawrinka - won in straight sets. So did 2004 Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova and two other major title winners and former No. 1-ranked women, Victoria Azarenka and Ana Ivanovic.

Williams improved to 33-1 in 2015, competing for the first time since winning her 20th Grand Slam singles trophy at the French Open. En route to that title, Williams lost the opening set in four matches.

There, Mouratoglou said, "she had to dig deep to find a way to get her real level," in part because Williams was dealing with an illness. On Monday, the cause for the poor beginning was twofold, he said: Williams hadn't played on grass since she was at the All England Club a year ago, and she felt some nerves.

Really? Jitters?

"Of course she's nervous, because she cares. She wants to do well. She wants to win, and she wants it really bad," Mouratoglou said. "If after all these years, she wouldn't be nervous, it would mean, probably, that she would not care enough to keep on playing."

If, a fortnight from now, the 33-year-old Williams were to win Wimbledon for a sixth time, she would be the oldest women's major champion in the Open era of professional tennis, which began in 1968. She also would complete a self-styled "Serena Slam" of four major titles in a row, something she pulled off in 2002-03.

"It's definitely historic, I guess. But it's also six matches away," Williams said. "It's definitely not guaranteed."

And she would head to the U.S. Open with a chance to become the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to win all four majors in a single season.

"It's a pretty good chance," Williams' older sister, Venus, said about the prospect of a true Grand Slam. "Hasn't been done that often. But then again, she's done a lot of things that haven't been done that often."

Venus Williams, whose seven Grand Slam titles include five at Wimbledon, could say the same about herself, including Monday's 6-0, 6-0 victory over 36th-ranked Madison Brengle of the U.S.

It was the first so-called "double bagel" at the All England Club in six years—No. 14 Andrea Petkovic added another later against Shelby Rogers of the U.S. —and first for the elder Williams on a grass court since her first match on the surface, back in 1997.

Boston 2024 Summer Olympics organizers update $4.6B bid

BOSTON (AP)—The group trying to bring the 2024 Olympics to Boston released the most detailed look yet at its bid for the Summer Games on Monday, unveiling a $4.6 billion plan it says would create thousands of jobs and housing units, expand the city's tax base and leave behind a vastly-improved regional transit system—all with a $210 million surplus.

The announcement was designed to answer critics who say the privately funded Boston 2024 has withheld details of the bid to prevent the public from assessing whether the games could be staged, as promised, without the need for taxpayer money.

The so-called "Bid 2.0" comes as Boston 2024 organizers head to San Francisco for a critical meeting before the U.S. Olympic Committee board of directors Tuesday.

"We've now done the `little-picture' thinking," said bid chairman Steve Pagliuca, a co-owner of the Boston Celtics. "We think we've made the major leaps."

Republican Gov. Charlie Baker, who was among the state leaders pressing Olympics planners to produce more detailed plans by the end of the month, said the state would need to look more carefully into the bid's assumptions, especially around infrastructure improvements.

The update contains "far more information and far more detail than anything we've seen before," he said after a lengthy private meeting with Pagliuca and Democratic legislative leaders Monday. "The big question... is making sure we really understand what is expected of the Commonwealth and the taxpayers."

Local Olympics opponents said the revised plan still fails to guarantee taxpayers won't foot the bill in the event of cost overruns or revenue shortfalls.

Chris Dempsey, co-chairman of the No Boston Olympics group, said organizers haven't delved into the details of a proposed insurance plan to protect taxpayer interests, including whether there's an insurer actually willing to provide the coverage.

"They still have not explained why city of Boston taxpayers need to take the risk and sign a blank check," he said. "Boston 2024's only real insurer is the taxpayers of Massachusetts.

Trout powers Angels past Yanks with bat, glove

ANAHEIM (AP)—Mike Trout showed off practically every aspect of his MVP talent against the New York Yankees, from his early homer to his late stolen base with a couple of jaw-dropping catches in between.

His teammates saw it as just another night for the Los Angeles Angels star -- although no game against this opponent is ordinary for the Derek Jeter fan from New Jersey.

"Oh, it's always fun to play the Yankees," Trout said.

Trout and C.J. Cron homered, Albert Pujols and Kole Calhoun added run-scoring doubles, and the Angels beat the Yankees 4-1 Monday night for their fifth victory in seven games.

Trout hit his 20th homer of the season in the third inning against CC Sabathia (3-8), crushing a drive to the base of the fake rock pile beyond center field. The shot made him one of six AL players with four 20-homer seasons before their age-24 seasons -- a list that includes Rodriguez, Mickey Mantle and Ted Williams.

"It's humbling, but we've got a series to win tomorrow," Trout said.

The reigning AL MVP also saved a couple of runs with two sprinting catches in center field on balls hit over his head by Chris Young, leaving the Yankees outfielder waving his arms in disgust. Trout has been moving forward to play in shallow center over the last month, and the catches demonstrated his growing confidence in his formidable defensive ability.

"Mike showed you his talent in every phase tonight," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

Trout even swiped second in the ninth inning, getting his first stolen base since May 22.

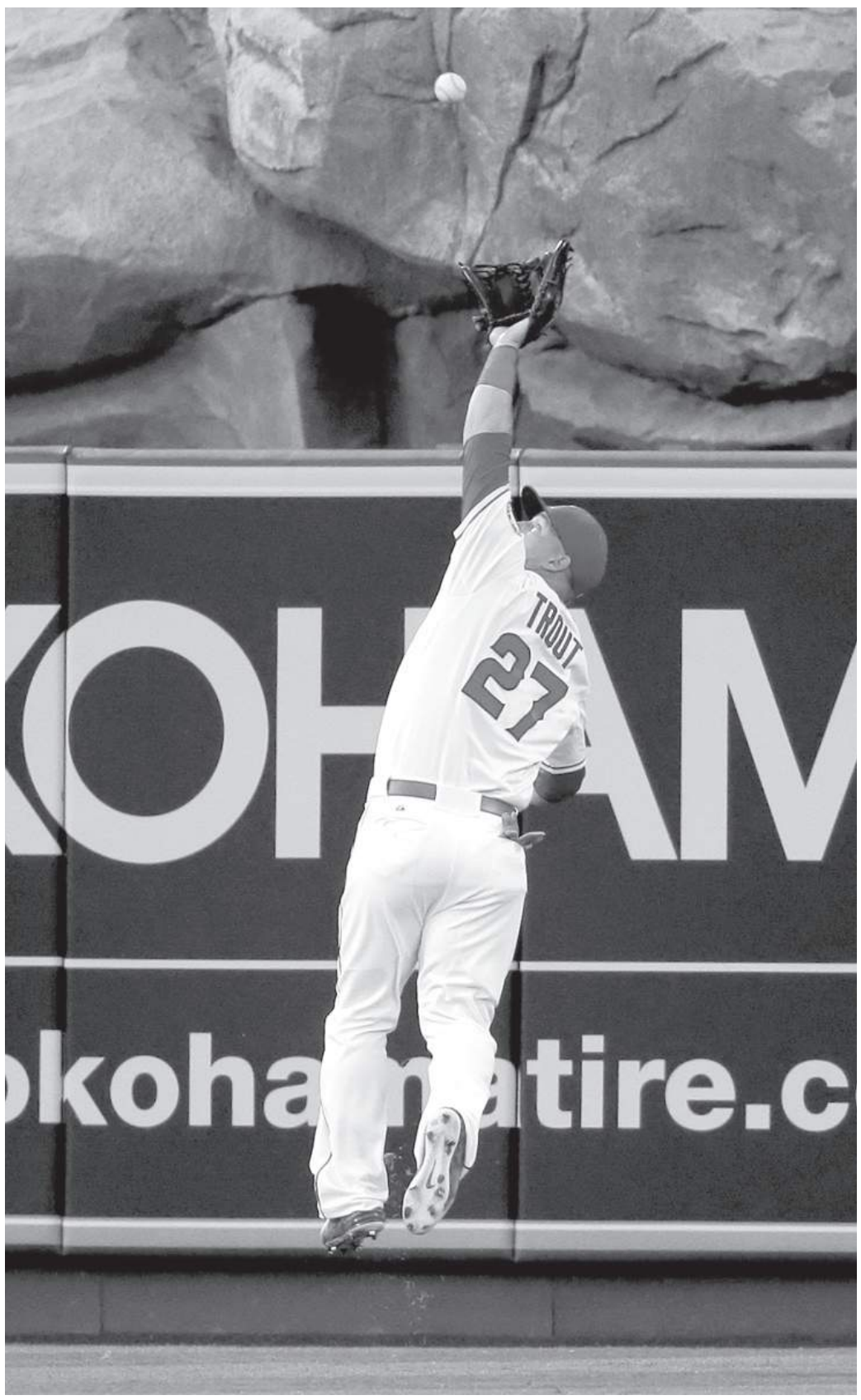
"Real shocker, right?" said a sarcastic C.J. Wilson, the pitching beneficiary of those grabs. "Trout hits a homer, saves a couple of runs with defense. Whatever. Obviously that's one of the benefits of being a pitcher on this team. You've got a guy like that chasing down balls for you."

Wilson (6-6) persevered through six eventful innings of five-hit ball for his third victory in four starts as the Angels (40-37) moved three games above .500 for the first time since June 2.

Alex Rodriguez drove in a run and Brett Gardner had three hits for the Yankees, who have lost six of nine.

Sabathia pitched six-hit ball into the eighth inning, but got meager run support in his first loss since May 28. The veteran left-hander has given up 19 homers this season.

"It's tough, but it's part of being an athlete," Sabathia said of his rough start.



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Los Angeles Angels center fielder Mike Trout catches a fly ball hit by New York Yankees' Chris Young during the third inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Monday, June 29, 2015.

Indians 7, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, rookie Cody Anderson took a bid for a perfect game into the seventh inning in his second major league start, and the struggling Cleveland Indians snapped a three-game losing streak with a 7-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night.

Anderson (1-0) didn't allow a baserunner until Grady Sizemore homered against his old team on a 1-2 pitch with one out in the seventh. Evan Longoria followed with a single before the 24-year-old right-hander settled to retire the last four batters he faced.

Yan Gomes had three hits, including a solo homer in the eighth for the Indians, who limped into town after being shut out in both games of a doubleheader at Baltimore on Sunday. Michael Brantley also had three hits, including a RBI single, and Jason Kipnis drove in a run off rookie Nathan Karns (4-4) with one of his three hits.

Astros 6, Royals 1

In Houston, Chris Carter and Jose Altuve homered to back a solid start by rookie Lance McCullers, and Houston beat Kansas City.

In a matchup of teams with the best records in the American League, Houston snapped Kansas City's four-game winning streak. The Royals are 44-29 and the Astros are 45-34.

McCullers (4-2) allowed four hits and a run with six strikeouts in seven innings in his ninth major league start.

The Astros jumped on Joe Blanton (2-1) for five runs in the first three innings and Carter added a solo home run in the fifth to help them to the win.

Red Sox 3, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Clay Buchholz pitched eight strong innings to win his third straight start, Xander Bogaerts drove in two runs and Boston beat Toronto.

Buchholz (6-6) improved to 10-3 with a 2.21 ERA in 15 career starts in Toronto as the Red Sox won back-to-back games for the first time since June 19.

The Blue Jays have scored a major league-leading 421 runs but have totaled just four in their past three games.

Buchholz allowed one run and five hits in matching his longest outing of the season. He's won four straight decisions since losing at Minnesota on May 26.

Athletics 7, Rockies 1

In Oakland, Josh Reddick and Ike Davis hit two-run homers in the first inning to back seven scoreless innings from Kendall Graveman, and Oakland snapped a three-game losing streak by beating Colorado.

Billy Butler also homered off David Hale (2-3) and scored three runs as power-starved Oakland matched its season high for homers. The power barrage helped the A's bounce back after getting swept in a three-game series by Kansas City to open a 10-game homestand.

Rangers 8, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Mitch Moreland hit two of the Rangers' four home runs off Bud Norris, and Texas got another winning effort on the road from left-hander Wandy Rodriguez in a victory over Baltimore.

Moreland hit a solo shot in the second inning and a two-run drive in the fourth. It was his sixth career two-homer game, the first since May 2013.

Carlos Corporan and Shin-Soo Choo added solo homers to help Texas secure its second win in nine games. The four home runs tied a season high, set April 9 in Oakland.

Reds 11, Twins 7

In Cincinnati, Billy Hamilton scored three times in the first three innings to help Cincinnati open a huge lead, and the Reds held on against Minnesota.

The Reds sent 10 batters to the plate for five runs and a 9-1 lead in the third inning, when Mike Pelfrey (5-5) failed to retire any of the four batters he faced. Pelfrey gave up eight runs—matching his season high—and nine hits, retiring only six of 17 batters.

Cincinnati's Mike Leake let most of the lead slip away. Ten Twins batted during a six-run rally in the top of the fourth inning.

Brewers 7, Phillies 4

In Philadelphia, Jonathan Lucroy had four of the Brewers' season high-tying 16 hits and drove in two runs, leading Milwaukee to a victory over Philadelphia in a matchup of the two worst teams in baseball.

Ryan Braun had three hits with a double and an RBI, and Adam Lind and Aramis Ramirez each had a pair of RBI for the Brewers, who have won five of seven.

Cesar Hernandez had a pair of hits and an RBI for Philadelphia.

The Phillies fell to a major league-worst 27-51 hours after the Phillies introduced Andy MacPhail as the new man in charge of the club.

Diamondbacks 10, Dodgers 6

In Phoenix, Welington Castillo doubled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, and Arizona pulled off a pair of comebacks to beat Los Angeles.

Castillo doubled against reliever Pedro Baez (1-1) to drive in Jake Lamb with none out. The Diamondbacks, who trailed 4-0 and 6-4, added three more runs in the inning on a bunt single, a throwing error by Baez, and Paul Goldschmidt's two-out, two-run single off J.P. Howell.

Arizona tied it at 4 on a two-run homer by Yasmany Tomas in the sixth. The Dodgers regained the lead in the seventh on a two-run single by Jimmy Rollins, but the Diamondbacks fought back again with David Peralta's two-out, two-run triple in the bottom half.

SIDEBAR

5 Royals lead in All-Star voting, balloting ends on Thursday

NEW YORK (AP)—Toronto third baseman Josh Donaldson and Seattle designated hitter Nelson Cruz have moved ahead in fan voting for starting spots in the All-Star Game, leaving five Kansas City Royals still in the lead.

Major League Baseball released the results Monday, and voting continues through Thursday night. MLB said more than 500 million votes had been cast.

The starters will be announced Sunday, with the pitchers, reserves and candidates for the final spot to be presented Monday. The game is July 14 in Cincinnati.

Royals outfielders Lorenzo Cain and Alex Gordon, catcher Salvador Perez, shortstop Alcides Escobar and second baseman Omar Infante hold leads.

Infante is about 230,000 votes ahead of the Astros' Jose Altuve going into Monday night's series opener at Houston. Infante was hitting .237 with 23 RBIs and one steal while Altuve, last year's major league batting champion, was at .292 with 30 RBIs and 21 stolen bases.

Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera and Angels outfielder Mike Trout also led in the American League.

Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas and DH Kendrys Morales led last week, but were overtaken by Donaldson and Cruz. Donaldson has drawn over 11.7 million votes, already a record for any player in any season.

Donaldson made his All-Star debut in last year's game in Minneapolis, starting at third base and sharing the left side of the infield with retiring Yankees star Derek Jeter.

"It was a moment I'll never forget," Donaldson said.

Finishing as baseball's leading vote-getter this time around might just rival that memory.

"To be a starter, what that symbolizes is that you're the best guy at that position," Donaldson said. "It's very humbling and it's an honor."

The National League leaders are: St. Louis third baseman Matt Carpenter, shortstop Jhonny Peralta and outfielder Matt Holliday, Miami outfielder Giancarlo Stanton and second baseman Dee Gordon, Washington outfielder Bryce Harper, San Francisco catcher Buster Posey and Arizona first baseman Paul Goldschmidt.

Stanton has a broken hand is out four to six weeks. Nori Aoki of the Giants is fourth in the NL outfield voting, followed by Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen.

Harper is the top vote-getter in the NL with over 11.3 million.

Lee moves up in Juniors rankings

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With her victories in New Caledonia and Fiji, Carol Lee became the third highest ranked CNMI player in the ITF Juniors Circuit.

Lee , as of last Monday, is at No. 1498, surpassing Negahr Rastguiy, who slid to No. 2, 278. The 13-year-old Lee broke into the Top 1,500 after collecting 20 more points from two off-island tournaments last month.

In the Open Junior BNP PARIBAS de Nouvelle-Caledonie in Noumea, Lee earned 5 points apiece in the singles and doubles events. She made it to the Round of 16 in the singles after downing Australia's Lisa Mays, 6-1, 7-5, in the first round. In the doubles, Lee qualified in the quarterfinals, as she and teammate Ayana Rengiil of Palau eased past Japan's Wakaba Sato, and New Zealand's Emilia Price, 6-0, 6-4.

Lee's 10 more points came from the South Pacific Open Junior Championships 2015 held in Lautoka, Fiji. Again, she partnered with Rengiil and they also earned a quarterfinals ticket after winning over Japan's Sophie Maho Hamada and Hong Kong's Venia Yeung, 0-6, 6-4, 10-3.

With her additional 20 ranking points and 5 from an earlier tournament in Guam, Lee's combined points are 13.75, just less than 3 points behind Mikayla Lopez, who is the second highest ranked in the CNMI with her combined 16.25. Tammy Ackerman remains the No. 1 ranked Commonwealth player at No. 1,036 with her 31.25 combined points.

Bridge Capital donates $2.5K to TOC

As part of its commitment to supporting community events and projects, Bridge Capital has donated $2,500 to the 20th Annual Tournament of Champions.

"The Tournament of Champions continues to be an important source of funds for community projects that promote the CNMI as a prime tourist destination," said Bridge Capital Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Jody Jordahl. "We are happy to be participating as a sponsor in this year's event and look forward to an exciting tournament on August 1 and 2."

The 20th Annual Tournament of Champions will be played at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses with the two-day event expected to bigger and better than ever as exciting hole-in-one prizes and thousands of dollars in possible prizes are at stake. The TOC tournament fee is $200.

First place winners in the men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior flights will each receive $500 cash, $400 for second, $300 for third, a digital camera to fourth, and $100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place. The Ladies low gross champion will get $500, $400 for second, and $300 for third place. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies low net will receive a trophy.

Hole-in-one prizes include brand new vehicles donated by Club C, Atkins Kroll Toyota (Saipan), and Joeten Motors. Club C and Pacifica Insurance Underwriter's will be donating hole-in-one cash prizes, and LaoLao is offering one year of free golf as another hole-in-one prize. Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines are also offering airline tickets as hole-in-one prizes.

Since its inception, TOC has given over $700,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund which has gone directly to the improvements of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palm Resort Saipan, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and most recently the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for this year's TOC, contact Ben Babauta at 483-2563 or Marida Pensader at 236-2530. For player information and to download the registration form, visit www.tocsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

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Bridge Capital Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Jody Jordahl, left, presents a ceremonial $2,500 check donation to Tournament of Champions director Ben Babauta during a brief turnover rite at the Bridge Capital, LLC office in Garapan recently.

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Takumi Sugie, and Angel De Jesus, and assistant coach Edna Delos Santos. The va'a (canoe) squad is made up of Joe Ayuyu, Carter Calma, Jack Kabiriel, Dino Manning, Ben Olopai, Joe Quan, and Jason Tarkong, while the triathlon group has three members in Brad Ruszala, Peter Prestley, and Tony Stearns. Tony is also a member of the sailing team, joining her daughter, Emma and wife Janet McCullough-Stearns. Clay is the fourth member of the Stearns family included on Team CNMI, as he will be competing in beach volleyball with Andrew Johnson and coach Darcy Wylie.

"Andrew and I are both looking forward to being able to represent the CNMI together. The competition level is going to be very high, but we have been practicing a lot and are looking forward to the experience," Clay said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The beach volleyball tournament will run from July 13 to 19 at the Sir John Guise Outdoor Stadium with the CNMI battling New Caledonia, Fiji, and the Cook Islands in pool play, according to Clay.

The Commonwealth's triathletes will see action first in the quadrennial event when they compete on July 5 in Konedobu, Port Moresby. Up next are the CNMI va'a, swim, and sailing teams, which will begin their respective bids on July 6.

With majority of Team CNMI on their way to PNG, only golf, athletics, and bodybuilding athletes and officials are on Saipan and they are expected to leave the island early next week. The medal-rich athletics competition and bodybuilding will start their respective competitions on July 13, while golf is set to hit the fairways of the Royal Port Moresby Golf Club beginning on July 15. The CNMI has two entries in athletics in Beouch Ngirchongor and Orrin Pharmin, while bodybuilding also has two competitors in Donivan Mendiola and Aaron Tomokane. In golf, the Commonwealth has a four-player team composed of the returning Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, Harry Nakamura, Franco Santos, and Luis Tilipao.

The CNMI has a total of 32 delegates to the Pacific Games, which will have its opening ceremony this Saturday at the Sir John Guise Outdoor Stadium. The Commonwealth has yet to choose its flag bearer for the traditional parade of teams in the opening rites this weekend.

US versus Germany in semifinals features world's top goalkeepers

MONTREAL (AP)—The Women's World Cup semifinal clash between top-ranked Germany and the second-ranked United States will feature two of the best goalkeepers in the game: Nadine Angerer and Hope Solo.

The two women will be the last line of defense Tuesday night for their teams, with is each seeking a spot in the final match. Historically, when the Germans have met the Americans in the World Cup, the winner has gone on to win the title.

Both teams have won it all twice: The United States in 1991 and '99, and the Germans in 2003 and '07.

Solo, despite being inundated at the start of the tournament with new revelations about her domestic violence arrest last June, has been nearly perfect. She has only allowed one goal—in the first half of the group-stage opener against Australia.

Since then she's posted four straight shutouts. The stout U.S. defense hasn't conceded a goal in 423 minutes. Solo leads all goalkeepers at the World Cup with 11 saves.

In the 1-0 quarterfinal victory over China, Solo surpassed Briana Scurry for most wins by a U.S. goalkeeper with 134.

"Hope's absolutely world class," midfielder Heather O'Reilly said. "We're proud of her for that accomplishment. I know she has a big one in mind, and that's to win the World Cup."

Angerer, the former FIFA Player of the Year who was the first goalkeeper to win the award, started for Germany in the 2007 World Cup and did not allow a goal on the way to the title, setting a World Cup record for most minutes played (540) without a goal.

Angerer has nine saves in Canada. Germany has conceded three goals.

"I think a ot of people have respect for her," U.S. defender Ali Krieger said. "She's consistent, she's confident, she does her job really well and she's the leader of that team. They really look to her for making those MVP plays, and consistently does that at the right times."

Angerer, 36, has said she plans to retire following the World Cup.

Wild Bill's marches to Budweiser Cup semis

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Wild Bill's continued with their march to the Budweiser Cup Thursday Open 8-Ball, advancing to the semifinals after last week's games held in various bars on Saipan.

Wild Bill's added to Route 33 Alamo Car's woes as the former escaped with a 9-7 win to earn the right of facing the Jokers Homeboyz in the semis this Thursday. Before the loss, Route 33 compiled a 172-98 record to earn the top seeding leading to their playoffs match against the Abyss Titans. They fell to eventual champions Titans, 9-6, on June 11 and settled for third place following a 9-8 win against the Jokers Homeboyz.

Wild Bill's, on the other hand, completed the Budweiser Cup quarterfinalists after posting a 9-7 decision against the Titans before producing the same results over Route 33.

The Jokers Homeboyz trounced the Abyss Rack 'N' Roll, 9-5, to arrange a semifinals showdown with Wild Bill's, while the Hobbies Deadshot clipped Smoke Pub Magic 8-Ball, 9-2.

Jonny's Team SCS scored a win by walkover against the Jokers Wonderpool Aces, 9-0, as Rico Montano was the lone member who arrived for the latter.

Meanwhile, Tuesday league topnotcher Jokers IT&E Voyagers (176-124) earned a finals berth after posting a 9-5 triumph against the Jokers STR8 Shooters last week, while the Smoke Pub Armatech Hustlers downed the Abyss Crazy 8, 9-4.

The finals match between the Voyagers and the Hustlers and the battle for third place between the Crazy 8 and STR8 Shooters were still being played at press time.

The Budweiser Cup will then take place one week after the title match between the Voyagers and the Hustlers.

The awards banquet will be held on July 26 from 10:30am to 3pm at Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

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up the ball and quickly tossed it to third baseman Alphonso Balagtas.

Macasaet's throw, however, was wide and got past Balagtas' glove, allowing Lizama to safely reach home for the winning run to the delight of the hometown crowd.

The CNMI trailed after three innings, 0-2, but scored six runs in the bottom of the fourth to grab the upper hand. The hosts seemed headed to victory as they managed to protect that lead going into the top of the sixth.

However, the visiting squad came charging back.

Balagtas, with one out after Macasaet grounded out on a 6-3 play, singled, while Lozano followed it up with a double. Josh Salinas had a two-RBI double to bring in Balagtas and Lozano.

Salinas later scored on a wild pitch to make it 5-6 while Ignacio Lozano was out on a 1-3 play. Marco Luis Mallari also singled and tied the game on a CNMI error. The Philippines could have added one more run, but Dan Laurel grounded out on an inning-ending 6-3 play.

Frankie Lieto closed out for the CNMI and despite putting runners on first and second—hitting Miguel Beltran by a pitch and walking Balagtas—with one out in the top of the seventh, he held his own against the Philippines batters.

Lieto forced Macasaet to ground out to first and Lozano to an infield fly. He had a 1-2-3 inning in the eighth, striking out Mallari, Salinas, and Gio Esguerra to set up the thrilling finale.

Darrion Jones pitched six innings in start, giving up three earned runs on seven hits with four strikeouts and no walks. Lieto allowed no hits, had one walk, and fanned four.

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Australia 8, CNMI 2

Michael Tovey had an inside-the-park home run on a 2-for-4 batting in Australia's second win after three games.

Luke Austin tossed three shutout innings, allowing two hits, while Tovey pitched one inning in relief before Caydyn Hancock closed out.

Hancock was tagged with one earned run on four hits with one walk and a strikeout.

Australia faces Guam at 1pm today, while the CNMI takes on Chinese-Taipei at 9am.

Chinese-Taipei 22, Philippines 0

Reigning Junior League World Series champion Chinese-Taipei was merciless against the Philippines representatives from Tanauan City, Batangas.

Lee Chan Yi, Liu Ji Hong, and Gu Lin Ruei Yang alternated on the mound to complete the shutout win. They combined for two hits, five strikeouts, and no walks.

Chinese-Taipei, after being shutdown by Philippines starting pitcher Jonas Palad for two innings, scored seven runs against Kenneth Delos Santos in the top of the third.

Lee Cheng Ling went 3-for-5 with three runs, Lo Wen Long doubled and had two RBIs in a 2-for-2 plate appearance ,while Chiu Chih Heng had a two-run inside-the-park homer in the top of the fourth.

Hong Kong 10, Guam 0

Hong Kong used a five-run fourth inning in pulling off the shutout win over Guam and erasing the bitter memory of a walk-off loss to the CNMI last Sunday.

The Hong Kong pitching duo of Jonathan Drapeau and Jay Fong combined for a one-hit game with six strikeouts, and one walk.

SSC's 2014-2015 Season Awards Ceremony

SAIPAN SWIM CLUB PHOTOS

Kento Akimaru shows the Leadership Award he won during Saipan Swim Club's 2014-2015 Season Awards Ceremony held last month at Pau Pau Beach. SSC coach Jacoby Winkfield, left, presented the award.

Akira Kadokura receives a special gift from SSC during the club's season-ending awards presentation.

Most Improved Swimmer Taiga Sato, right, poses with SSC coach Jacoby Winkfield.

Dino Sato shows his "Awesome Award."

Lennosuke Suzuki, left, smiles after getting the "Awesome Award."

Jin Ju Thompson, left, is one of the recipients of "Awesome Award."

Wataru Kadokura proudly shows his "Awesome Award."

Taiyo Akimaru, right, poses with SSC coach Jacoby Winkfield.

Jinie Thompson receives a special prize during SSC's awards ceremony.

Matthew Zedde, left, has his photo taken with SSC coach Jacoby Winkfield.

Wade elects to become free agent, may leave Heat

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CNMI walks off on PH error in 8th

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Peyten Lizama beat a wayward throw to third base to score the winning run as Team CNMI squeezed out an eighth inning 7-6 win over a hard-fighting Philippines side in the Big League division of the 2015 Asia Pacific Junior, Senior, and Big League Regional Baseball Tournament yesterday at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

The win evened the host team's record to 2-2 and tied them with their victims, but more importantly it eased the pain of their back-to-back losses to the Philippines and Chinese-Taipei in the first round. The CNMI came off a 0-8 loss to the reigning Asia Pacific champion Chinese-Taipei ,while the Philippines was fresh form a 4-2 win over Guam.

The victory also served as a morale booster for the home team when it faces the still winless Guam, which was playing undefeated Chinese-Taipei at press time, at 5pm today.

The Big League and Seniors division follow a double round-robin format where the top squad will face No. 4 and the second-ranked team will take on No. 3.

Before Lizama's game-winning run, Bradley Lieto led off for the CNMI with a single as he took Juan Diego Lozano's seventh pitch to a gap between second base and center field. CNMI manager Tony Rogolifoi then brought in Lizama to pinch run for Lieto. Lizama moved to second on a balk charged to Lozano.

In the next play, CNMI catcher Verlance Secharmidal bunted and Lizama ran towards third base, while Philippines catcher Joni Macasaet picked

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JON PEREZ
Frankie Lieto prepares to throw a pitch in the CNMI's Big League division game against the Philippines yesterday in the 2015 Asia Pacific Junior, Senior, and Big League Baseball Regional Tournament at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

Athletes urged to bring honor to CNMI

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Chef de mission and Northern Marianas Sports Association president Mike White challenges Team CNMI to bring honor to the Commonwealth as bulk of the squad left Saipan yesterday to compete in the XV Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

"Do your best. Play hard but fair. Bring honor to the CNMI, to your teammates, to your families, and to yourselves," said White, who arrived in PNG yesterday morning and was the first CNMI delegate to make it to Port Moresby.

White will be joined in PNG by the Commonwealth's swim, canoe, triathlon, sailing, and beach volleyball teams, which left Saipan yesterday afternoon and are expected to touch down at Jacksons International Airport at 8:05am today.

Athletes and officials of the five squads had stops in Guam and Cairns, Australia before reaching their final destination.

The swim team is headed by coach Jacoby Winkfield and has swimmers Victoria Chentsova,

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
CNMI athletes and officials pose for a photo at the departure area of the Saipan International Airport yesterday before leaving for Papua New Guinea to compete in the XV Pacific Games.

SIDEBAR

NMI golf team ready for Pacific Games

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CNMI men's golf team player-coach Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho declared they are prepared for the upcoming battle in the XV Pacific Games set to open on July 4 at the Sir John Guise Sports Complex in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Camacho

Golf, which offers four gold medals with two each in the men's and women's individual and team events, will be played from July 15 to 18 at the Royal Port Moresby Golf Club.

Camacho, who is suiting up for the CNMI for the fourth time, said the team is excited to carry the Commonwealth colors.

"They are pretty much ready. The guys are excited to represent the CNMI in this edition of the Pacific Games. We are feeling relaxed and no pressure since we're all veteran golfers," said Camacho in a telephone interview with the *SaipanTribune*.

"We're going to give our best in this high level competition and what is expected of us. The guys have been putting up a lot of hours practicing. We continue to practice individually if we can't do it as a group," Camacho added.

He thinks that Tahiti and host Papua New Guinea are the favorites to win the gold, but added that New Caledonia and Fiji are also capable of pulling off a surprise.

"Tahiti is one of the traditional powerhouse teams in golf. They are one of the teams to beat, while Papua New Guinea has the advantage because of their familiarity with the course," Camacho said.

Papua New Guinea has won a total of nine gold medals in golf, five of which are in the team events. New Caledonia swept all four golds at stake when they hosted the quadrennial event in Noumea in 2011.

Meanwhile, Camacho thanked everyone that supported their various fundraising events.

Joining Camacho on the team are Harry Nakamura, Franco Santos, and Louie Tilipao and they will leave Saipan for PNG on July 11. The squad will head to Guam first where they will take a 6pm flight to Australia. They will have a 12 to 15 hour layover in Australia before heading to Port Moresby in time for the two-day practice rounds on July 13 to 14.